

Council Hopes To Run S. F. Ads In Weeklies In All Parts Of U. S.

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Chapters of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism throughout the United States will be asked to try to place in their local Anglo-Jewish weeklies the series of advertisements appearing in a San Francisco weekly, the national office of the Council disclosed this week.

Rabbi Elmer Berger, Council executive director, told The Post that there are six advertisements in the series which have appeared in the San Francisco Jewish Community BULLETIN.

However, George L. Levinson, president of the San Francisco chapter, informed The Post that the series was now completed. Three insertions have appeared to date, the last one drawing a front page rebuke from a Jewish public relations committee in the same issue.

The Post learned that the San Francisco chapter had a difficult time placing the third advertisement, which shows a picture of a Boy Scout before an American flag.

The text of the third advertisement presents the much-discussed statement of Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, calling U. S. Jewish youth to Israel; and a statement by Daniel Frisch, Zionist Organization of America president, asserting that the U. S. Zionist movement should and would send U. S. Jewish youth to Israel to help build the new democracy.

As a contrast, the advertisement had the Council saying "This land is YOUR land—this flag is YOUR flag."

Rabbi Berger said the insertions were a joint effort between the San Francisco chapter and the national office. He said the final layout and questions on advertising techniques were handled by an advertising man who is a member of the San Francisco group.

"The San Francisco chapter is paying the entire expense of the ads and I understand from them that they have been extremely well received," Rabbi Berger said.

"When the series is finished in San Francisco, we will probably send reprints of them around to our local chapters, recommending that they in turn use the ads in their own local Anglo-Jewish publications," he said.

Asked about the relation between the ads and specific membership bids, Rabbi Berger said he did not believe that the San Francisco chapter had in mind "any direct relationship between the cost of the ads and the acquisition of new members. This is always a pretty hazardous yardstick by which to measure the success of any such campaign."

He said that while the advertising campaign ultimately was based on the hope of acquiring new members, its immediate function was to explain the Council's philosophy and attract potential members.

The third advertisement in the series was criticized in a front page statement in the Oct. 7 issue by the Jewish Survey and B'nai B'rith Committee "in the interest of Jewish public relations in San Francisco."

"The survey Committee feels that reiteration of such statements in the press and through the media of ads would amplify their hurtfulness," the statement said.

TEL AVIV, Israel—The 23rd Zionist Congress, the first since establishment of the State of Israel, will be held in Jerusalem in the coming summer.

Davar reports that Elizabeth Bergner will visit Israel in December at the invitation of the Ohel Theatre to give a series of performances in English, French and Hebrew.

End Of UJA-Federation Fight Seen In Miami Fund Agreement

National Jewish Post
MIAMI BEACH—The possibility of a settlement of the long-running controversy between the United Jewish Appeal and the local welfare funds over division of the money raised locally was seen this week in a verbal agreement reached here.

Henry Montor, director of the 1949 UJA drive, meeting here with officials of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, won approval of a compromise agreement under which the UJA will get a predetermined percentage of the funds raised here.

The agreement was a verbal one and no specific resolution was voted for the agreement. The agreement did represent a general understanding by both sides on the dispute which has repeatedly rocked the U.S. Jewish community, particularly during the past year.

The UJA has contended that while the multi-million dollar quotas have been raised on the basis of the needs the UJA represents, the UJA has suffered most of the loss when any given local drive fails or when the overall campaign falls short of its quota.

UJA leaders have been fighting against the system of allocations by the local fund organization under which local needs are frequently assured, even if cuts have to be made in allocations for overseas needs.

Dispute Highlighted

The dispute reached a peak recently when an emergency conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Washington asked local communities to postpone until after Nov. 25 allocations for capital fund outlays.

The issue is expected to be threshed out at the next national conference of the UJA, starting on that date at Atlantic City.

Israel May Not Replace Swedish Envoy

TEL AVIV, Israel—Reports circulated here this week that the Israel Government will not replace Dr. Y. Wolfberg as envoy to the Scandinavian countries until they indicate a desire to establish normal relations with the Jewish State.

Wolfberg left Stockholm for a visit to Israel and did not return to the Swedish capital. It was reported he had left Government service to return to private practice.

EXPULSION FROM B'NAI B'RITH OF 'DUAL LOYALTY' PROMOTERS APPROVED

CANTON, O.—The Canton Lodge of B'nai B'rith was on record this week in approval of a resolution asking the Central Grand Lodge to expel any member "who promotes and publicizes" the charge of dual loyalties among American Jews.

The motion, introduced by Joseph R. Freifield, was adopted unanimously.

Freifield, in introducing the motion, said that the charges by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism of "dual loyalties" in U. S. Jewish supporters of Zionism actually were a charge of disloyalty.

"We have no place on the Jewish scene for informers and false accusers," Freifield said. "There is but one thing to do with that kind, expel them."

World Jewish Congress UN Stand For Libyan Jews Criticized

LAKE SUCCESS—The still unsettled issue of what Jewish groups can speak for Jews outside of Israel was highlighted this week when Libyan representatives to the United Nations sharply criticized a speech by a representative of the World Jewish Congress on behalf of Jews in Libya.

The Libya representatives, speaking before the UN Political Committee, which is dealing with the question of former Italian colonies, rejected charges of anti-Jewish persecution in Libya and affirmed the right of Libya Jews to emigrate.

A speech by the Rev. M. Perlzweig, representing the World Jewish Congress, infuriated the Libyan delegates and, according to the correspondent of the Jewish CHRONICLE of London "was too dramatic" and "some of his statements were provocative."

Perlzweig demanded that all Jews wishing to leave should be permitted to take all their property, retaining rights to property they could not take.

For those who remained, Perlzweig demanded special courts, schools and other minority rights, in accordance with the UN Charter.

The speech was followed by an Iraqi attack on the "Zionists."

The Iraqi representative charged that they were responsible for the "tense situation" existing in Arab countries between Jews and Arabs and added that they had created a 'double loyalty' issue in Arab and other countries.

The London correspondent reported that the Israel delegates were "openly displeased" with Perlzweig's speech, which the correspondent said was characterized as "tactless, to say the least."

"It was claimed that the demands could have been made in a less sensational form in some smaller committee without raising the whole explosive issue," the correspondent reported.

"The prevalent opinion is that the World Jewish Congress should have left the entire matter to the Israel delegation, which has more experience and better diplomatic facilities than independent Jewish organizations," he reported.

St. Louis Police Drop Classification; Hit 'Distorted' Stories

National Jewish Post
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—News articles in the Anglo-Jewish press recently which accused the St. Louis police department of discriminatory methods in identification of a group of individuals with criminal records as "American-Jewish" were labelled this week as a "complete distortion of fact" by Chief of Police Jeremiah O'Connell.

In a letter to all persons making inquiries in connection with the report, Chief O'Connell said "The St. Louis police department at no time has attempted to segregate, or in any manner discriminate, against citizens because of race, color, religion or creed. We firmly believe that the very essence of democracy is fulfilled by equal treatment under the law for all persons."

The letter then referred the inquiring persons to Myron Schwartz, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, who, according to the police chief, has discussed these matters with him.

While no official announcement has been made, the National Jewish Post learned that immediately after the matter was called to his attention, Chief O'Connell ordered all nation and religious designations eliminated from the forms used in connection

with criminal records.

In a report to Jules Cohen, national coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Schwartz said, in part, "The attitude of the St. Louis police department is that although it feels this item (No. 28—Apparent Nationality in the Personal Identification Form) has been of assistance in the identification of criminals, it would rather forego the use of this category than give offense to any group. . . . The police department stated it confined the use of this form and accompanying IBM punch card only to previously convicted felons."

Schwartz also sent a letter to Henry A. Atkinson, of the Council Against Intolerance in America, N. Y., and to Mrs. Vera L. Hannenberg, secretary to the editor of the Jewish Daily FORWARD, which published a denial by the Albany, N. Y., police department that it classified Jewish criminals under a "religious designation."

In those letters Schwartz said that "the form used by the local police department was modeled after the Personal Appearance Form of the Division of Criminal Identification of Albany, N. Y., as follows: No. 27—Apparent Race: (1) Italian, (2) Irish, (3) Hebrew or Jewish, etc.—ten racial classifications in all."

Schwartz added that "we are completely satisfied

that the form which is to be used in the future will obviate any embarrassment or offense that might be caused to any group of people due to the form that has been in use."

Despite the reports, there was no city wide excitement here following publication in The Jewish RECORD, a semi-Yiddish Jewish weekly, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's pickup of a New York daily newspaper's original story.

As one result, however, it was being urged here that the annual allocation to the JTA from the St. Louis Jewish Welfare Fund be eliminated.

The proposal for that action was based in part on what local sources said was a case of poor reporting by the JTA on the St. Louis story. Sources here said no effort was made by the JTA to check with St. Louis police before printing the story.

In part, the proposal for withdrawal of the allocation to the JTA also stemmed from the withdrawal from the JTA board of five members whose names carried considerable weight with the local allocation committee.

The five members, headed by Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish Committee president, withdrew in protest against the recent reorganization of the JTA. (NJP Sept. 23).

New York

FIRST WOMAN HAGANAH OFFICER
CAME FROM ASSIMILATED FAMILY

By M. Z. FRANK

WHEN the quiet war began between the British and the Jews over the unauthorized immigration, the name Bracha Fuld became famous throughout the Jewish world. She was a beautiful 19-year-old girl, an officer in the Haganah, the first woman to obtain that rank. She was killed by the shell of a British tank and her beautiful, strong face stared at readers all over the world from Jewish newspapers. Subsequently, a ship carrying "illegal" immigrants was named Bracha Fuld. You may remember the name.

Not long after the event, I came across a remarkable article in the Tel Aviv newspaper for which I was then the New York correspondent. It was entitled "My Daughter Bracha Fuld" and was signed by Lotte Fuld. Some time later I came across the name Lotte Fuld signed under another article in HARETZ. It was an unusually intelligent appraisal of American Jewry and of methods of Zionist propaganda.



FRANK

A FEW YEARS PASSED, the most eventful years in Zionist history. One day, as I sat in my office in the Jewish National Fund, the telephone rang and the Information Office of the Israeli Consulate asked me if I could help out Mrs. Fuld with a few pictures.

The name Fuld sounded familiar but it was only after Mrs. Fuld had spent a few minutes in my office that I observed: "You are Bracha's mother, aren't you?"

Mrs. Fuld came here in the interests of the Patria Travel Bureau, to organize guided tours to Israel. It was while looking for pictures to illustrate a pamphlet, or an article, or a folder, that she landed at my office at the JNF.

But that refreshed the story of Bracha Fuld.

THEY WERE A WEALTHY, STRONGLY assimilated family in Berlin. Mrs. Fuld was a physician. Mr. Fuld was a staunch German nationalist who refused to believe that any harm would come to good German Jews, even after Hitler came to power. He was strongly opposed to his wife's new-fangled notions that the Jews must save themselves to Palestine. Bracha's name was then Barbara, the name of the patron goddess of artillery in which her father had served during the cherished days of the First World War when he felt he was a real German.

Little Barbara, at the age of 12, was taken by her mother to a strange Asiatic country, of which she had known nothing and cared as little, against her father's will. But the father did not survive the pogrom of November, 1938. He committed suicide. Mrs. Fuld landed in Palestine with 10 pounds in her pocket and, for the first time in her life, had to worry about making a living. Seven years later, her daughter Barbara, now Bracha, was the first woman officer in the Haganah, and as such, died at her post.

This is the story in brief.

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I WROTE to Irving S. Norry in Rochester, and received a prompt answer.

"The only thing I hold against you," says Irving, "is the fact that you didn't mention my name in your reports from Tel-Aviv." And then he adds: "However, this is really not very serious."

Now that calls for some comment.

If Irving were the kind who looks for publicity, he has plenty of opportunity to get it. For the work he has been doing in behalf of Israel he deserves his name to be splashed all over the place. So he is kidding.

But why didn't I mention his name in print, when I have often mentioned it orally?

The reason is that my meetings with Irving Norry in Tel Aviv may have been connected with extremely interesting experiences and observations but ones that I am not quite sure it is proper for me to publicize.

God knows, I got myself into plenty of trouble—and fun—with these here columns. But I usually do so in the belief that I am serving the cause. In this case, I have some doubts.

Well, we shall wait till Oct. 7 rolls around and Irving comes to New York and takes me out to lunch as he is threatening to do, and then we'll figure it out.

We'll figure out how to tell you the story of our visit to the Pilz Cafe in Tel Aviv.

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LET US hope that soon the government of Israel will get around to establishing a well-functioning autonomous Ministry of Commerce and Industry with a well-defined economic policy. (At present, the Department of Commerce and Industry is a mere appendage to the Finance Ministry and it has no policy left.)

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Rabbi Tabak Charges Non-Orthodox Rabbis
On Plane Trip To Israel Violated Jewish Law

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Reform and Conservative U.S. rabbis traveling on the same plane recently with a delegation from the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America to Israel were accused this week of refusing to cooperate with the Orthodox rabbis who sought to observe Jewish law on the trip.

The charge was made by Rabbi Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council, who headed the delegation to Israel.

Reporting on the trip in the October ORTHODOX JEWISH LIFE, Rabbi Tabak said that when their plane, grounded for a week at Zurich by a strike, was set for a Friday departure, "these Reform and Conservative leaders not only refused to cooperate with us in changing these arrangements, but actually protested against our request that the flight start on Saturday night instead."

Rabbi Tabak said that when the Orthodox rabbis succeeded in securing a Kosher restaurant, the other rabbis "preferred to eat at the



railroad station restaurant."

"Were it not for the fact that a majority of the passengers, mostly laymen, adopted a formal resolution supporting the Orthodox group, we would have been compelled to remain behind because we wanted to observe Shabbos," the rabbinical leader declared.

Rabbi Tabak said that the behavior of the other rabbis drew a protest from an Israeli passenger.

He quoted the Israeli as saying, "We in Israel are not at all religious but when even those who are not religious see a group of Jews worshipping together, no matter what type of congregation they belong to, they will join with them in prayer and will at least show reverence and appreciation."

Rabbi Tabak quoted the Israeli passenger as saying "What kind of rabbis are these?" The Orthodox leader said the Israeli made the comment "when he saw a group of men who called themselves spiritual leaders sitting and smoking pipes and cigarettes while Jews were conducting a service aboard the plane, without showing the least bit of reverence or concern."

Rabbi Tabak did not give the names of the Reform and Conservative rabbis on the plane.

Plugat Aliyah Says Frisch Plan
Already Tried, Proved A Flop

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A top official of Plugat Aliyah, the General Zionist Chalutz movement from which the Zionist Organization of America recently withdrew all support, charged this week that the program proposed by the ZOA in its stead had been tried by Plugat Aliyah and had failed.

Jay Fishman, chairman of the executive of Plugat Aliyah, told The Post that the sudden withdrawal of support by the ZOA had left the General Zionist Chalutz movement destitute.

He said that the surprise action involved a complete failure on the part of ZOA leadership to reckon with the lessons learned in the history of the chalutz movement since its inception.

The withdrawal of support was followed by an announcement by President Daniel Frisch that the ZOA would soon launch a program for chalutzim that would surpass "anything ever planned on the American scene." (NJP Sept. 23).

What Frisch Wants

The program proposed by Frisch called for registration of U.S. Jewish youth in terms of specific skills needed by Israel, with transfer to Israel for training in collective work (hachshara) in Israel.

"Several years ago, when Plugat Aliyah was first established as part of the ZOA, we began operating on precisely the same basis as this 'new' program," Fishman said. "We found, through bitter experience, that such a program is totally inadequate."

He explained that the process of preparing U.S. Jewish youth for the severe demands of collective life in Israel requires an intensive period of training "in hachshara and orientation, in Hebrew, culture and history of the nation, farm work, and communal life and the new type of values there."

He said such training is "an absolute necessity if the individual is to readily adapt himself to his new environment in Israel."

Committee Being Formed

Fishman said that a "Committee of Friends" for Plugat Aliyah was being formed but he was frankly dubious about the prospects of any continuation of the U.S. General Zionist chalutz movement.

The ZOA, through its Chalutz Commission, had been supplying Plugat Aliyah with a yearly subvention of about \$20,000. The movement also received help with public relations, printing, some donations of farm equipment and contacts within the Zionist world both

in America and abroad.

The movement also had counted on the ZOA for organized support to help raise funds for machinery and other equipment, as well as for the publicity needed for the U.S. General Zionist collective settlement at Zippori in Israel.

"Although we shall continue the building of our movement in spite of all obstacles because we believe in the ideals it stands for, the effect of our being virtually excommunicated from all official contact with the largest General Zionist movement will be quite devastating morally and physically," Fishman said.

He listed the following as the activities that would be curtailed as a result of the ZOA decision:

"Our Zionist educational program for Jewish youth; publicity and the printing of educational material; our magazine and other publications; Our office and secretary through which we kept contact with our groups throughout the country and Canada; rallies and leadership seminars for Zionist youth; a non-profit summer camp at our chava (training farm); money for technical training for skills needed on the collectives in Israel; support for our fieldworkers who do organizational work, and carry much of the burden of activities and who have no other means of support, not having time to do outside work; support for two Israeli schlichim (emissaries) who are doing organizational work and are a valuable part of our educational program."

Fishman said that the movement's farm at Wappinger Falls, N.Y. will not be lost because it is owned by the Hechalutz movement, which supplied most of the funds for training of General Zionist youth there.

Fishman added, however, that "there is not much sense in a chava when there is no active organization that will continue to send people to it for training."

He said there were 30 young people at Wappinger Falls currently and an additional 10 were leaving for Israel this month.

"Frisch's action has created a tremendous feeling of despondency and resentment against the seeming betrayal of long-cherished ideals of chalutzim," Fishman said. "We want with all our

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TEL AVIV, Israel—The first telephone directory of the State of Israel has 306 pages, with Tel Aviv subscribers taking up 113 of them.

According to ISRAEL SPEAKS, Haifa has 55 pages, Jerusalem 51 and other Israel towns 40.

It costs about \$85 to install a private telephone in Israel, according to the directory.

heart to continue our conceived role as General Zionists, and our work for its ideals; however, if our fellow General Zionists reject us and tell us that we have no part in their life, then we will be faced with no alternative but to seek outside their ranks in other movements where people still feel that youth and its dynamic existence have a basic part in Zionist life."

Both the Labor Zionists and the Mizrahi (religious Zionists) have vigorous chalutz movements in the U.S.

It was learned that Plugat Aliyah leaders hope that they will get some moral and financial support from the local Zionist districts and regions.

The officials said that the withdrawal action came as a complete surprise and that neither Frisch nor any other ZOA official had consulted with them on the decision.

Fishman said he would not deny that some elements of the Plugat Aliyah program needed revision or adjustment. He insisted, however, that this fact should have led ZOA leaders to discuss that program and help make the necessary changes, rather than sever all relations with the General Zionist chalutz movement.

They said that Frisch was going ahead with his substituted program "as if we didn't exist or never had," with plans to establish, at an obviously tremendous cost, a somewhat doubtful structure for "chalutzim," completely ignoring our existence."

Fishman said that Plugat Aliyah was in no way invited to participate in establishment of the new program. An offer from Plugat Aliyah to seek to merge the two programs was rejected by Frisch.

Lipsky to Address
Midwest JNF Meet

CHICAGO—(NJP)—Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, will be one of the featured speakers at a midwestern conference of the Jewish National Fund here Nov. 5-6.

Montor Assails Alpert For Blast At UJA Publicity Methods

Editor, National Jewish Post:

The statements by Mr. Carl Alpert in your issue of October 7 deserve comment only because they have been given such prominent space in your newspaper.

One is led to wonder whether Mr. Alpert is more concerned with "Zionist" prestige than with Jewish lives.

In commenting on a 9-minute film portrait of conditions in the camps of Israel, Mr. Alpert charges the United Jewish Appeal with "distortion and exaggeration in the name of fund-raising." This is so monstrous an allegation as to warrant an examination of the motives of his whole approach.

As to the facts: Is it or is it not true that today there are some 85,000 Jewish men, women and children in the camps of Israel? Is it or is it not true that children have died and are dying in the camps of Israel because of inadequate medical facilities? Is it or is it not true that men, women and children are indiscriminately huddled in horrible squalor because there is insufficient housing? Is it or is it not true that the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been so overwhelmed by the financial burden entailed by this problem and by the inadequacy of American Jewish support that its whole structure of absorbing immigration is imperilled?

Mr. Berl Locker, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Aubrey Eban, Israel Delegate to the United Nations, Eliahu Elath, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, have made the most stirring pleas to the Jews of America to respond in time to the desperate need of the thousands and tens of thousands today streaming into Israel. Is Mr. Alpert prepared to charge these men with "distortion and exaggeration?" One may assume that all of these men, and especially Messrs. Elath and Eban, are at least as concerned with the prestige and dignity of the Government of Israel.

In a letter issued, on October 6, jointly by Daniel

Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, President of Hadasah, Baruch Zuckerman, President of the Labor Zionist Organization, and Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrahi Organization, in referring to the situation, they wrote as follows:

"The constructive achievement of the Zionist movement, the establishment of the State of Israel and the State of Israel and the normalizing of life in Israel may well be threatened by the critical situation which is now symbolized by the presence of more than 70,000 immigrants living in the overcrowded and the primitive conditions of the transit camps. This human waste and suffering presents to us a problem in which we have an equal responsibility with our people in Israel."

At the Washington Emergency Conference of the United Jewish Appeal on September 10-11 there was a complete statement of the whole picture in Israel, the good and the bad. Nobody there was worried about "50 years of Zionist work in America," even though many leaders there had at least as much to do with Zionism in America as Mr. Alpert, including the President of his organization, Mr. Daniel Frisch. All were concerned about the situation today, when lack of understanding of the gravity of the position in Israel threatens to hinder the absorption program. Everyone recognizes that with the help of the United Jewish Appeal money, some 300,000 Jews came into Israel since May 15, 1948. Everybody recognizes that scores of settlements were established with United Jewish Appeal money since then. Everybody recognizes that the greatest program of Jewish transplantation and rehabilitation in history has been taking place.

But, unlike Mr. Alpert, everybody also recognizes that the people of Israel alone cannot cope with the problem of this vast immigration. Israel today is carrying an annual administrative budget of \$120,000,000. Israel is working under an additional development program of \$180,000,000. There is also a military problem. These vast budgets, designed to strengthen the foundations on which immigrants can be received, have forced high taxation and grim austerity on the population. To thrust the burden of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants upon the State of Israel is for American Jewry to renounce

every solemn pledge it made since the tie between us and European Jewry was renewed with the overthrow of Hitler.

The Jews of America, not too worried about "Zionist" prestige but much more concerned about the life of individual Jews and the security of the State of Israel, have been responding—not in accordance with the total needs but in a measure that reflects a genuine desire to serve. The cash income of the United Jewish Appeal since January 1, 1949, is now close to \$100,000,000. It may be tragically short of the terrible needs of the 85,000 men, women and infants in the camps, but how much more would become available if Mr. Alpert were to wave his flags and beat his breast about Zionism I do not know. I do, however, know that in his mendacious attack upon the United Jewish Appeal he betrays an animus that is not typical of the best forces in American Zionism.

The film to which Mr. Alpert refers was not made in a studio in America. It consisted of footage shot in Raanana, Pardess Hanna, Beer Yaacob, names of camps that call up revulsion among all those who visited them, including myself. It is perhaps Mr. Alpert's contention that the narrow cots, with sacking for mattress, should not have been crowded so distressingly next to each other under thin tenting. Perhaps Mr. Alpert would have preferred to forget the fact that sanitary facilities are revoltingly inadequate in camps for thousands of people. Perhaps Mr. Alpert would have wished to conceal that in some places there is one doctor to 4,000 refugees. That might have served his twisted notion of what is good "Zionist" propaganda. I happen to believe, however, that the overwhelming majority of American Jews are mature enough to deserve and to demand the whole facts, and are also able to distinguish between a short-term crisis in immigration and a long-range plan of State-building. It is because the United Jewish Appeal has consistently taken the American Jewish public into its confidence, revealing all the facts and not trying to sugar-coat them, that it has symbolized American Jewry at its greatest.

HENRY MONTOR
Director

New York

Pontiac Council Head Hints Will Resume Speeches To Non-Jews

DETROIT—An American Council for Judaism official whose anti-Zionist speeches before non-Jewish groups here created a minor storm in Zionist circles last summer hinted this week that he was ready to consider invitations again from non-Jewish organizations.

Norman Buckner, president of the Pontiac chapter of the bitterly anti-Zionist group, disclosed his position as the latest development in a lengthy but unpublished series of negotiations.

Some speeches by Buckner, particularly one before the Pontiac Kiwanis-Lions club, led to a rapid-fire series of developments. (NJP, July 15).

Call in Fineberg

One of them was a rush call that brought Dr. S. Andil Fineberg, chief of community relations of the American Jewish Committee, who addressed the same group on July 5.

Another was conferences involving top Zionist and non-Zionist officials in Detroit, who sought to persuade Buckner to stop making anti-Zionist speeches before non-Jewish groups.

The negotiations reached an inconclusive stage when officials of the Detroit Jewish Community Council declined to use their influence to obtain a promise that the Council viewpoint would get an airing before Jewish audiences in the Detroit-Pontiac area, and that Council news releases would get publicity in the two Detroit Anglo-Jewish papers, the NEWS and the CHRONICLE.

Buckner said then that while the negotiations were underway, "I won't accept any further invitations to talk to non-Jews on the subject, but if the negotiations collapse, we of the Council will feel free to present our viewpoint to any audience that wants to hear us."

Parleys Look Dead

Buckner indicated this week that he felt the negotiations had failed.

"There appears to be no chance of obtaining a Jewish forum in Detroit for discussion of the Zionist question, nor any chance of



NORMAN BUCKNER
Whose Freedom of Speech?

getting the two Jewish publications in that city to print Council releases or anything critical of Zionism," he told The Post.

"I have been pretty much occupied with other matters of late, so I have not announced my availability for speaking to non-Jewish groups in Detroit or Pontiac on the subject, but since the Detroit Zionists have not made it possible to talk to Jewish groups, or obtain reasonable publicity for the Council viewpoint in Detroit, I am no longer bound by any agreement not to address other groups for which there would be no difficulty in obtaining invitations," Buckner added.

He said that "in the meantime, I am watching and waiting—there is some indication that a few Zionist leaders are leaning the Council Way."

16 Neo-Nazis Among Austrian Deputies

VIENNA—(WNS)—The frightening disclosure that 16 neo-Nazis will be represented in the House of Deputies here, as a result of the recent parliamentary election, was made known this week.

All the parties now in office which courted the ex-Nazis' votes promised early amendments to anti-Nazi laws and to restoring the laws which prevented restoration of Jewish property.

Emil Maurer, acting president of the Vienna Jewish Community, expressed fear that the Third Restitution Law, returning property to the Jews, might be cancelled.

At the same time, Ernest Stiasney, World Jewish Congress representative told correspondents here that "world Jewry must consider the new Austrian developments," and "urge the earliest possible establishment of a restitution fund and the passage of laws providing for the return to original holders of 'aryanized' property."

ISRAEL SAYS WILL NOT BAR 'HARD CORE' DPs IN GERMANY

GENEVA—Israel is determined to offer a haven for all Jews remaining in Germany and Austria and will not close its doors to the hard core of sick, aged and infirm, an Israel spokesman said this week.

Shalom Adler-Rudel, a spokesman for the Israel Government, told the International Refugee Organization that Israel regrets its inability to take all such DPs immediately because of the problem of immigration of those able to come.

He added, however, that Israel was determined that eventually no Jewish DP should be left in Germany and Austria merely because of physical handicaps. There are about 5,000 such Jews.

He said Israel has already taken 11,000 families of whom one or more members in Europe suffered from handicaps.

He explained that Israel is ready to take all types of cases among Jewish DPs who are placed in the so-called hard core. They have no future except to be dumped on German mercy when the IRO terminates next June.

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ISRAELI PRAYER BOOK TELLS
TROOPS: NO FAST ON YOM KIPPUR

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

YOU must not fast on Yom Kippur, if it will weaken you for battle. And you must not blow the shofar if it endangers military security . . . Such are some of the rules which Israel GI's found in the preface to a special prayer book issued by the rabbinates of the Holy Land for the recent High Holydays. The prayer book also contained a "mish-berech" for Pres. Weizmann. The issuance of the machzor and the arrangements for services in military installations were part of "Operation Yomim Noraim" launched by the government.



SILVER

Civilians jammed all the shuls in Israel for the second High Holyday period since the state was established. Tourists also attended the services in great numbers—and the rabbis banned "mushroom" synagogues. The most prevalent High Holyday practice was the exchange of flowers. And the radio air was full of "chazanus." (Dr. Nathan Eck, in a letter to the DAY from Tel Aviv).

Hate And Fascism Win
In Austria Elections

Raw anti-semitism and fascism of the Hitleresque variety won a victory in Austria, when the so-called "independents" won 16 parliament seats in the recent election. The blame for this setback must be shared by the United States, which has failed to denazify, and which has given the people of the West the impression that the Social-Democrats are not to be trusted.

So declared Dr. S. Bickel, in the DAY, who further points out that the Austrian fascists and their "fuehrer," Herbert Kraus, have won the balance of power in an election which brought losses to the Social Democrats and has weakened their position in the coalition government of the nation which spawned Hitler.

Molly Picon Hailed
For Work In New Play

Celebrating her 25th anniversary on the Jewish stage, vivacious Molly Picon is back on New York's Second Avenue in a play called "Abi Gezunt" ("As Long As You're Healthy"). C. Gutman,

of the JOURNAL, praises Molly's acting, singing, and dancing in a double role. Molly enacts twin sisters: one, a quiet, demure type. And the other, a gay doll. The whole cast is good, says Gutman, especially Jacob Kalich, Molly's leading man.

13,000 People Came
To Boston UJA Opener

The opening of Boston's UJA campaign brought no less than 13,000 people to a meeting in Boston Garden, marvels Louis Gess in the JOURNAL. Stimulated by talks by the mayor, Nahum Goldmann, Rabbi Israel Kazis; and songs by Robert Merriell, the giant audience joined in a pledge to surpass the \$12 million quota.

Irgunist Still Held
At Ellis Island. Why?

"Are you a Communist?" asked immigration officials of Ephraim Margolin, a citizen of Israel who came to the U.S. for a visit. Of course not, replied the 22-year old youth. As proof, he told the inspector that he had fought in Palestine for the Communist-hating Irgun. Is that so? replied the official. That was six weeks ago. Margolin is still being detained on Ellis Island, although all his papers are in order, in what customs inspectors call a "routine delay."

Peter Bergson, pro-Irgunist member of the Israeli legislature, now visiting the U.S., is appealing to the Israeli ministry to extricate Margolin from the caverns of Ellis Island. (The DAY).

New Study Ex-Rays
Role of Jews In City

The most monumental study of an American city ever made is the recently published "Yankee City," a multi-volumed work that completely eclipses the famous "Middletown" (Muncie, Ind.) studied by the Lynds. A team of sociologists have trained their microscopes on "Yankee City" (Newburyport, Mass.) so thoroughly that every stage in the history, and every group movement of that city are exposed to the reader.

Yankee City's Jews are extensively and intensively examined, being classified as one of the major immigrant groups. The status, social coloration, and cultural patterns of the Jews are scientifically scrutinized as never before.

led as never before.

The Jewish portions of "Yankee City" have been analyzed by Dr. Herman Frank in a series in the DAY. Among the multitude of facts uncovered: 1) It took the Jews of Yankee City only 30 years to attain a social level which required 70 years of the Irish and 40 of the French-Canadians; 2) Jewish children are more "tolerant" of their parents' use of a foreign language than Greek or Polish children; 3) the 397 Jews of Newburyport (total population: 20,000) are entirely absent from the two top social groups: "The Yankee aristocrats" and "the very wealthy." 4) When the Jews penetrate a fraternal order or a social lodge, the upper-crust Yankees move out. That's what happened, for example, in a Knights of Pythias chapter. 5) Jews have the capacity of adopting, and adapting themselves to, the majority's cultural patterns without losing identity or interest in their own past. This process, say the researchers, is best described, not as "assimilation" but as "acculturation."

Yiddish Press Hot After
Sholem Asch Again

Whether or not Sholem Asch undergoes baptism in water, in the opinion of most of the Yiddish writers, he has already baptized himself in ink. Ever since he switched to Calvary as a literary theme, Asch has incurred the dislike of his former colleagues. Asch's latest venture into Galilee, the book "Mary," is sure to produce an eruption in the Yiddish press.

The first blast has already come from the pen of Benjamin Ressler, in the DAY, who devotes three articles to the latest Aschinities.

"Mary," writes Ressler, reveals Asch at his worst, even stylistically. The author's entire reliance upon New Testament evidence not only lessens the objectivity of the novel, but proves how far astray Asch has gone from a Jewish orientation. Had Asch consulted Talmudical sources, he would discover that the strictures against the Pharisees, the indictment against the legalistic character of the oral Law, and other canards, monotonously repeated in the book, are invalid.

In Ressler's opinion, much of the book is downright anti-Semitic, e.g., where Mother Miriam tells the 12-year old Jeshua that the Jews themselves are to blame for the destruction of a city because they insist upon returning violence with violence.

Moreover, Ressler maintains, the fictionalized version of the gospel story is offensive to sensitive Christians, who will resent the humanization of characters to them divine. Although Asch decries violence in his book he glorifies it in a long short story which takes up most of a recent issue of the KEMPFER.

That story, which deals with the Israel war and which appeared about the same time that "Mary" was published, proves that Asch is still anxious to keep his oars in Yiddish waters.

The KEMPFER, by the way, is the only Yiddish periodical which will stomach Mr. Asch. For a time he was the darling of the Sovietist FREIHEIT but a rift occurred and he fell into

I Think As I Please

UJA PROPAGANDA MAKES ISRAEL
POVERTY-STRICKEN ALMSHOUSE

By CARL ALPERT

JUST a few weeks ago two children died in a transit camp in Israel. They died because . . .

That sentence, with its further explanation, of the tragic plight of refugees in Israel, has been repeated in a United Jewish Appeal broadcast over a New York radio station for many weeks. A sentence almost exactly like it has been reprinted in UJA leaflets. It induces the impression that Israel is a destitute, God-forsaken country where little children die of neglect in the streets.

This is the sort of UJA propaganda about which I wrote two weeks ago, and which continues to libel the Jewish State up and down the land. For the major and most effective public relations campaign in Israel today is conducted by the United Jewish Appeal, with its huge newspaper advertisements, its brochures and flyers, its radio broadcasts and its big meetings.

Millions of Americans continue to get the impression from this campaign that Israel is a disease-ridden land not fit for the habitation of white people; that it is densely over-populated; that it is marked by deep poverty, and hence not worth economic cultivation or private investment.

In short, this sort of public relations permanently injures the beneficiary whom it is intended to help.

TO BE SURE, NOT ALL UJA literature breathes this spirit. There have been many advertisements which reflected pride, optimism, faith; Meyer Steinglass is an able and talented director of publicity. But policy is made on higher echelons and some of the propaganda has been most baneful.

The appeal writers must remember that they are talking about a nation—a new nation—a proud people who possess dignity and have a status in the world. Some of the appeals sound as if Israel were merely an abandoned and run-down orphan asylum seeking alms.

Responsible American Zionists, seeking to cooperate with the UJA, have become infected with the same disease. Thus one eminent leader, in a shocking and off-guard moment, told a public conference: "Seventy-thousand newcomers are living in tent cities, in overcrowded barracks, in an atmosphere of misery and aimlessness far worse than that in the DP camps in Germany."

I say that the above statement is a distortion and a libel on Israel. Was Ambassador Eliahu Elath replying to that exaggeration when he said, at the same conference: "We have not done too badly. That is a source of pride to us. It should be a great source of encouragement to you."

Of course money is needed, badly needed, but is it necessary to sound like a gleeful anti-Zionist in stimulating Jewish generosity?

FOUR MONTHS AGO EDGAR ROSS of New York wrote to Henry Morgenthau protesting against the negative aspects of UJA campaigning. He wrote then—and I have just been shown a copy of his letter—"I believe Jews will give more abundantly when prompted by pride, gratitude and the sense of positive achievement than when their donations are determined by the twin feeling of charity and obligation."

He points out, too, the danger of repeatedly characterizing a nation as needy and wanted. "Such depictions must result, inevitably, in the lowering of the status and value assigned to it in the minds of the people; for need and want imply fault and defect."

Is the Government of Israel, is the press of Israel aware that 140,000,000 Americans are having it dinned into their ears that Israel is a country where children die of neglect, and where misery and woe are rampant?

FOR YEARS THERE WERE ELEMENTS within the United Jewish Appeal who fought Zionism, who played down the Palestine nationalist elements of the drives, and emphasized only the philanthropy of European relief. They were temporarily eclipsed when the Haganah boldly wrote its own headlines, and American Jews responded with excited and passionate pride. Are these elements responsible for the indirect smear campaign against Israel?

And if the Israel Government remains silent and by its silence acquiesces, is this part of the "deal" which finally resolved last year's notorious UJA conflict when Zionist influence was successfully eliminated?

the lap of the Labor Zionist magazine.

Maimonides Being
Serialized In Daily

Style and scholarship are charmingly combined in a treatment of the life and works of Maimonides, running serially in the DAY. The author, Dr. Abraham Heschel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary faculty, clarifies the abstruse and unravels the complex with masterful simplicity. A very valuable contribution to our cultural treasury!

Nazi In Argentina
Extradited For Trial

BUENOS AIRES—(WNS)—A Hungarian Nazi, leader of a Nazi gang whose job was to hunt for Jews, was found working here in a sports club, a publication put out by a group of Hungarian Jewish refugees now living in Argentina revealed this week.

Action is now being taken by the publication to remove the Gestapo agent, Martin Hammonai, from his position here and to extradite him to Hungary, where he is wanted on charges of war crimes.

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Harpers Publishes Piece On Topic

Dual Loyalties Debate Moved Into Public Arena By Article

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The topic of dual loyalties in U. S. Zionism was moved into the arena of general public discussion for the first time this week with publication of an analysis of the alleged issue in one of the nation's leading cultural publications.

Basic theme of the article, "Have Jews a Divided Loyalty?" in the October Harper's Magazine, was that neither Israel nor U. S. Jews would decide the fate of America's Jewish citizens.

The article by Johann J. Smertenko shredded the fears and arguments of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, bluntly linking Council members with professional anti-Semites.

Prior to the appearance of the Smertenko article, the alleged issues of dual loyalties had been promoted in the general press only by the Council, rushing, as Smertenko put it, "into print to testify to their 110 per cent patriotism and Americanism and to deny sharing the sentiments and efforts in support of Israel."

Smertenko's own position on the issues involved in Jewish integration was a little unclear. His attack on the Council recalled his association with the U.S. Bergsonites, U.S. front group for the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi. When the Bergsonites were raising funds in the U.S. for the Irgun, one of their basic approaches was to constantly reassure their contributors that in aiding the Irgun, they were not sulling their Americanism.

Such tactics included frequent suggestions that Zionism constituted an "international Jewry," which U.S. Jews should prudently ignore.

Smertenko's analysis started with a brief sketch of the early history of Jews coming to the U.S. when they were welcomed and sought to take over American ways as quickly as possible, discarding all group differences, except religion, and even modifying that drastically in Reform Judaism.

What Stopped It

This "process of assimilation" was checked by the development of American anti-Semitism, operating to exclude Jewish citizens from full participation in civic, cultural, economic and social life; and the reaction of Jews to it.

Beginning first as a philanthropic movement, Zionism also developed into a significant social movement for U.S. Jews, complementing the mushroom growth of Jewish Centers, Young Men and Women's Hebrew Associations, country clubs, college groups and fraternal organizations with which Jews had reacted to exclusion.

U.S. Zionism remained, and still remains, in terms of attitudes toward Israel, almost entirely a philanthropic movement, Smertenko contended.

Most U.S. Jews "do not believe that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is attainable only in Israel, nor do they feel the urge to seek expression for their Jewish personality," he said.

The Background Interest
The combination of Jewish achievements in Palestine, the horror of the holocaust in Hitler's Europe and the growing place of United States policy in the Near East all helped to sharpen the interest of U.S. Jews in Palestine.

"Even without sharing the latter's nationalism, American Jews began to think of Palestine as the place where they had a particular interest and a personal stake," he noted. When the Arabs invaded Palestine, "hundreds actually joined in the fighting at the risk of forfeiting their American citizenship and sacrificing their lives."



JOHANN J. SMERTENKO
Before the Public Forum

Altogether "these actions constitute a definite departure from the American Jews' ardent efforts at assimilation," he said.

But the Zionist thesis of the "existence and unity of the Jewish people" is a fallacy for two reasons, according to Smertenko.

The Two Fallacies

First, the United States "has no place even for ethno-cultural orities as distinct elements of the nation. The concept of cultural pluralism . . . is contrary to our traditions and incompatible with our way of life."

Second, "the Zionist conclusion that the stimulus derived from Israel and the tendencies I have discussed above would induce Jewish Americans to accept the abnormal status of a cultural minority is entirely erroneous."

If anything, establishment of the Jewish State has cleared the way to end such cultural distinctiveness for it has "tended to normalize the position of Jews everywhere."

Israel has made the U.S. Jew "a free agent whose deliberate choice of a land is in itself token of his desire to belong to it." Smertenko argued, adding that "this sense of freedom" could be "the determining factor in his complete assimilation."

As for the likelihood of anti-Semitism impeding this process, Smertenko insisted that hatred of the Jew is a passing digression "in an automatic and inexorable process."

Against this background, Smertenko took up the alleged issue of dual allegiance, noting that it has been raised in the United States as a public issue in connection with citizens of various nationalities, but never in connection with Jews.

The Pilgrim fathers were disturbed by the Scotch and the Scotch Irish who stubbornly maintained strong ties with their mother countries.

Even Benjamin Franklin
Benjamin Franklin feared that the influx of Germans into pre-Revolutionary Pennsylvania might undermine the American language. A century and a half later, Theodore Roosevelt called the Germans "hyphenated Americans."

Somewhat more parallel to Zionism were the cases after the first World War when Czechoslovakia and Poland were reconstituted and Ireland won her freedom.

The Irish particularly "opened a front here in their war against England" and used it for propaganda, fund-raising, economic boycott and maximum political pressure.

"Dire conclusions were drawn

from these exhibitions of 'divided loyalty.' But the prophecies proved as untrue as the charges," he said.

So What Happened?

What actually happened, after these states were re-established, was that some Americans gave up their citizenship and went to those countries. The rest remained and "retained a normal interest and concern in their affairs of their countries of origin."

In the case of U.S. Jews, the first to raise the cry of dual allegiance were the same hate-peddlers who have "persistently denied the Jew an equal place in our body politic."

The only other group in U.S. life to make the same charge was "a small but vociferous group of self-styled 'assimilated' Jews who hastened to dissociate all such Jews from the 'fanatic Zionists.' Haunted by the fear that the long-delayed establishment of a Jewish State will affect adversely their status as citizens, they rushed into print to testify to their 110 per cent patriotism and Americanism and to deny sharing the sentiments and efforts in support of Israel."

Decide For Themselves

Asserting that neither the Council nor Zionists can speak for all American Jews, Smertenko said that when the crisis of the tragedy of European Jewry and the struggle to secure Israel is over, "Jewish Americans will make their own decision."

Foreseeing that Israel, for various reasons, would invite all Jews to come to live in the Jewish State, Smertenko estimated that the not more than 10 per cent of U.S. Jews will accept the invitation.

He listed these as coming from four groups: the true nationalists, the strictly Orthodox Jews, those seeking their fortunes in a new society, and those Jews fed up with petty injustices and major prejudices.

"The vast majority will stay in the United States," he concluded. "It is here they are at home; alien in Israel."

Margoshes Says Will Ask ZOA To Pick Court For Rosmarin

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Dr. Samuel Margoshes said this week he will ask the Zionist Organization of America to name a committee of judges to hear his charge of character assassination against Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, noted Jewish publicist and editor.

Dr. Margoshes, editor of the Zionist Information News Service and a member of the ZOA national administrative council, told The Post he had changed his mind about a libel suit in the civil courts.

His counter-charge grew out of an editorial in the JEWISH SPECTATOR, of which Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin is editor. In the editorial, she criticized the Rifkind report on reorientation of the ZOA. Dr. Margoshes subsequently assailed the editorial in his English column "News and Views," in the Yiddish Daily, the DAY.

In the September issue of the JEWISH SPECTATOR, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said she would not answer Dr. Margoshes' column because he was a paid publicist for the ZOA.

She said that Dr. Margoshes was engaged by a ZOA affiliate, a reference to the Zionist Information News Service, (ZINS) and said he had also been on the payroll of other Jewish organizations.

She Meant It

When Dr. Margoshes categorically denied all the charges, the JEWISH SPECTATOR editor told The Post that her statements were true and that she was prepared to prove it, "For I am not one in the habit of making irresponsible statements."

She made the comment before departing for a visit to Israel saying that she expected to return Oct. 19 "when I shall handle the unfinished Margoshes business."

Dr. Margoshes told The Post in a telephone statement this week, that he would ask the inner committee or a similar body in the ZOA to name a committee of members of judicial temperament and that he would demand that Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin appear before that committee.

He Has A Charge

"I will make a charge of character assassination before that committee and ask for a full hearing," he said.

Originally, he had said that he would either sue for libel or ask a court of honor hearing. He told The Post he had since learned that he was in error in assuming that such a court of

honor was available, and would therefore ask for a special ZOA committee to air the issue.

JDA Allocation Hike Defeated, Then OK'd

CANTON, O.—A proposal for an increase in an allocation from Canton Jewry for the Joint Defense Appeal was at first defeated and then approved, it was learned this week.

The allocations committee voted an increase of \$250 for the JDA, fund-raising arm for the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

The plea for an increase was made by Dr. Theodore Burstein, a past president of the Canton B'nai B'rith.

In a letter to Dr. Burstein, Joseph R. Freifeld, a member of the allocations committee, said he had moved for the reconsideration of the adverse vote and had "very reluctantly voted in favor of that allocation, because as the matter stood, we would still be at it by now if we did not bring it to a close once and for all."

Jewish, Catholic DP Deportation Halt Urged

WASHINGTON—A plea for a stay of deportation proceedings against several hundred Jewish and Catholic refugees from Communist-dominated countries was made this week to Attorney Gen. Howard McGrath.

Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York, said that the refugees, who also had been persecuted by the Nazis, were qualified to remain in this country except for the date of their entry.

The new Displaced Persons bill killed last week by the Senate would have permitted them to stay, Klein said, adding that deportation proceedings had already been started against the refugees.

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Names In The News

YEHUDI MENUHIN IS A ZIONIST
AND PLANS TO VISIT ISRAEL

YEHUDI MENUHIN, whose attitude toward the Jewish identity his name was chosen to commemorate, has always been a matter of controversy, added a few new developments this week with the statement that he plans to visit Israel in May. The famed violinist spoke at a dinner in his honor given by the Anglo-Israeli Club in London. Menuhin said his consciousness of Israel had been an inheritance from his father, who had been sternly Orthodox. In an interesting aside, the violinist said that from that rigid Orthodoxy had come a desire for freedom of expression and that strictness had given way to freedom of personal expression.

The Full Turn

The son of the man, who, as first high commissioner for Palestine under the mandate proved that a Jew can be a true servant of empire by lopping off half the homeland to make the puppet kingdom of Transjordan, will become an Israeli citizen. According to the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) World Information Service, Edwin Samuel will renounce

his British citizenship and will be named to a high position in the Israel Government Service.

The Helpful Hint

Explorers who sought, with no success, for traces of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat were told something this week they should have known in the first place. Rabbi NATHAN DRAZIN, noted Baltimore spiritual leader and expert on Biblical lore, said, in a letter to the Baltimore Sun, that the expedition was doomed to failure before it started. Reason: Mount Ararat of today is not the Ararat of the Bible. Citing Biblical references, Rabbi Drazin lined up Biblical Ararat west and south of the modern Ararat.

The Right Beauty

Mrs. Alan Wayne, a little better known as BESS MYERSON, "Miss America of 1945," and the first Jewish girl ever to hold the title, brought her charms to work for Israel when she spoke before the Combined Jewish Appeal Junior Division in Boston.

With The Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS — Rabbi ISAAC MAYEFKSY has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Abraham of Chicago.

Rabbi NORMAN PAUKER has been elected spiritual leader of the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center, Brooklyn. Rabbi JACOB BOSHIAK remains as rabbi emeritus.

Rabbi JESHAIA SCHNITZER has been named religious director of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of New York.

Rabbi MORDECAI HIRSCH SPRUNG, spiritual leader of Agudath Achim congregation in Columbus, O., for 18 years has accepted appointment as rabbi of Congregation Beth El Jacob of Des Moines, Ia.

INSTALLATIONS — Rabbi ISRAEL SCHEFFLER has been installed as assistant to Rabbi C. David Matt at the West Phila-

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Oct. 23—Rabbi Julius Gordon, of Congregation Shaare Emeth, St. Louis, speaking on "Why I Believe in Prayer" in the third of a series of five sermons on the "Message of Israel" 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

Philadelphia Jewish Community Center.

Temple Sharey Tefilo of East Orange, N.J. will induct Rabbi AVRAHAM SOLTES this Friday evening.

Betar Kids Try To
Bust Up Council Meet

Jewish World News Service
NEW YORK—A group of 40 members of Betar, the youth arm of the right-wing Revisionist Zionists, tried to break up a meeting of the New York chapter of the American Council for Judaism.

Police were called in but no arrests were made and Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive director of the anti-Zionist group, was able to finish his address.

Rabbi Berger advanced the theory in his talk that Zionism has not changed in goals since the establishment of Israel, despite the fact that some Zionists are now using a more moderate and less nationalistic language.

He said the switch was merely a "Zionist trap" and that the real aim of Zionism was still to transform Jews from a religious community into a national group.

West German Jews
To Get 25 Cents Day

BONN, Germany—Jews who were in concentration camps throughout the entire Hitler regime and remained alive, will receive 150 marks daily under terms of a reparation bill just passed by the West German Government.

The sum will amount to about 25 cents a day for the survivors of the Nazi terror.

The bill's provisions do not extend to any DPs who left concentration camps before 1947, thus eliminating a large number of Jews released immediately after the fall of Hitler.

The new law will be valid in Bavarian, Wurtenburg, Baden-Hassen and Bremen.

TO SING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK—(JWNS)—Marion Anderson, world famous Negro contralto, will sing several concerts in Israel during the 1950 season, it was announced this week.

Report From Hollywood

COLUMBIA THRASHES AROUND
WITH SOME JEWISH PUBLICITY

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

THE publicity department of Columbia Studios has been trying its hand most commendably at a series of Jewish-slanted publicity releases on "Jolson Sings Again," and since I asked for them especially, it would be most ungracious to pass them straight into the wastebasket, without allowing you at least a brief glimpse over my shoulder.

One of the items tells of Francis Cugat (brother of Xavier) who became "The strangest technical adviser in the history of strange technical advisers, the 'Gafulte' (the spelling is Columbia's) Fish and Horseradish (in technicolor) adviser."

"O-fish-ally," the item confides, its breath hot in your ear, "he has to see that the fish and horseradish used in the scenes where Mama Yoelson serves her guests are as follows:

"Number one—that the fish photographs unmistakably on the screen as gafulte fish. . . Number two—the ingredients used in the horseradish have to be strong enough to actually bring tears to Larry Parks' etc.

And having given us a glimpse into what the Art Department is up against in a technicolor movie, we now dissolve to a medium shot of Larry reacting to too much horseradish. Places, please.

"Larry acted as if he had swallowed a high voltage electric wire. He sputtered, he fumed, his wild swinging arms resembled a sailor giving semaphore signals, and he gasped for breath like a fish (gafulte) out of water.

"When Larry finally regained his breath, he used it to scream . . . 'jumpin' codfish, I mean gafulte fish, can't we eat fish without that red cyanide on it? You need a small oxygen tent with each serving.'

A FOOTNOTE EXPLAINS that "gafulte fish" is a delicacy usually found in "borscht belts," and then coolly purports to give the recipe for its concoction, a recipe which my mother claims she would not dare feed to man or beast.

Another item off the Columbia mimeograph machine apprises us that a "rare, priceless 700-year-old religious scroll is being used in the synagogue scene. . .

"There are thousands of words inscribed on the scroll, each letter laboriously drawn by hand, and it is estimated that 10 years were needed to complete the work on the precious sheepskin parchment."

Unfortunately, we are not told who did the estimating. Exhaustive research among the rabbis of my acquaintance failed to provide a clue as to what kind of a religious scroll would take ten years to complete. But then, the number of technical advisers graduated by Yeshiva Yitzchok Eichenon has always been on the negligible side.

Those who are still with me will be interested to learn also that Larry Parks supposedly studied Hebrew for the "difficult scene . . . which requires the actor to sing . . . in that ancient language." And bearded old Cantor Yoelson supposedly tickled his daughter-in-law's ear, while dining and dancing with her in a "small night club."

Reports have it that Jolson wants to make a sequel to the sequel, about himself in Israel. Columbia, with admirable restraint, has turned thumbs down on it, so far.

EDDIE Cantor has temporarily postponed his projected trip to Israel "for private reasons."

A RECENT John Garfield Broadway vehicle, "Skipper Next to God," which was recently revived here at the Geller Theater—something of a showcase for Hollywood talent scouts—tells of a group of more than 100 prewar Jewish refugees, who aren't permitted to land anywhere in the Americas. They become the patient subject of a considerable amount of theological acrobatics on the pros and cons of whether it is anybody's business whether some hundred people (albeit Jews) are returned to certain death or not.

The Jews, as Jews, mean about as much to the dramatic conflict of the play as a perishable cargo of oranges, and perhaps a major reason why the to-do wound up being about Jews, rather than about oranges, is that the amount of dramatically quotable references to perishable oranges in the New Testament is negligible. This is no criticism of the New Testament, you understand; merely a reminder to playwright Jan de Hartog that to make Jews, or anyone above the level of oranges, merely the passive subject of some heated dialectic, is neither good theater, nor good Christianity.

In the final scene, the off-stage refugees take to lifeboats off the coast of Long Island, spiritedly singing away at a melody which you don't have to belong to the American Council for Etcetera to consider lacking in appropriateness.

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Women's Viewpoint

ORTHODOXY'S CRACKS AT REFORM
ANTI-ZIONISM LITTLE OUTDATED

By HELEN COHEN

RABBI Abraham Kellner, in this week's letter section, takes it for granted that the article in which I praised Reform Judaism for its willingness to make needed changes was written without the knowledge that the early Reform platform included anti-Zionism.



I assure the rabbi that I was not unaware of that fact.

It's just that this is 1949, not the 1800's. The liberal leaders of those times tried to be realistic in the world in which they lived. With the first leveling of the ghetto walls, they hoped a new step upward in civilization had been taken, that persecution and pogroms were part of a dark, earlier era.

They couldn't see, as we do, Russia's Kishinev pogroms, the drawn-out misery of the years in Poland, the unabated anti-Semitism throughout the world even in friendly lands, or, finally, the Nazi horror.

If we realize that anti-Zionism was a mistake, so too does Reform. It has been 11 years since that group officially changed its stand. And it was many years before that Reform gave to Zionism such leadership material as Rabbis Stephen S. Wise, James Heller and Abba Hillel Silver.

If Orthodoxy has any fault to find, it is with that small segment in Reform who insist on living in the 1800's, who refuse to become adjusted to changing circumstances—the American Council for Judaism.

But since Orthodoxy is of a mind to stress early Reform's mistaken stand on Zionism, then Orthodoxy should be amenable to having its own mistaken attitude pointed out. Did not Orthodoxy refuse to work for a return to Israel because it insisted on waiting for the Messiah to come and lead the people back? And is this not a possible reason for the irreligion in Israel today—because Orthodoxy ignored and refused to participate in early Zionist efforts?

As for the place in Israel of ideas developed in the Diaspora, someone else had expressed clearly the conclusion toward which I was groping when I wrote, "since in rebuilding Israel, its foundations must contain the spiritual fruit of the exile, why not include the latest and best of our twentieth century equipment?"

Milton R. Konvitz, professor at Cornell University, and member of the "Reconstructionist" editorial board, presents a "Plea for Religious Freedom in Israel," in the September "Commentary" magazine.

"The Jews in the Galut, the world of 'Exile' outside Israel," writes Dr. Konvitz, "need a spiritual center in Israel (so said Ahad Ha'am). But one should add that the Jews in Israel need the spiritual values that the Galut has created or accepted. The Galut is 2,000 years older than the State of Israel. What Israel will contribute to the Galut remains to be seen (I write this with hope, for we must desire great things for and from Israel). At the present time, however, I should like to submit the thought that Israel can learn something from American Jews. I should like to state baldly that we American Jews enjoy some ideals and institutions which it would repay the citizens of Israel to study and even to duplicate, chiefly religious liberty and cultural pluralism."

It would seem from Dr. Konvitz' remarks that we Jews have looked forward so long to the day when the law should again go forth from Zion and have waited so expectantly for a religious center that it never occurred to us that we ourselves could and are developing Judaism to fill the needs of our times.

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MRS. Cohen can go to the foot of the class. After spinning a draydel annually on Chanukah these many years, I wrote "A dreidel for Purim" in describing the cookie cutters on display at the Sisterhood meeting. Also I neglected to list another cutter, in the shape of a wine bottle.

While I'm on the subject of Sisterhood Gift Shop, I could mention the beautifully designed new plastic table cloths which were shown. Because of the pictures and designs on them I thought they came from Israel, but I was told they were made in New York. They are white or transparent, with blue or red or gold decorations, and are suggested for Shabbas or festivals.

ASK BIAS BAR

OTTAWA—(WNS)—A resolution asking the government to pass a law which would make illegal any discrimination in industry because of race or religion, was unanimously adopted by the Canadian Congress of Labor at their recent convention.

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NEW YORK—(NJP)—A four-colored pictorial map of Holy places and historic centers in Israel was published this week by the Mizrahi Organization for general sale.

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● S. Elfus, 119 Hatten St., Portsmouth, Va. writes:

Could you tell me where the name "Elfus" originated and its meaning? Except for our relations, I have never heard of the name belonging to anyone else. My father came from Russia.

Elfus has developed out of a very rare Biblical name Eliphaz (God dispenses). A great many Jewish family names have been formed and transformed from Hebrew given names. Eliphaz is so rare a name, however, that I think your ancestor must have picked it up at random from the Bible.



● Mrs. Betty Rochoff, 57 Nelson Ave., Uniontown, Pa., writes:

I would like to know the origin and the meaning of my mother's maiden name Tzchina. She came from Poland.

Tzchina, more correctly Trzchina, is a name of geographical origin. There are in Poland more than 30 different towns and villages named Trzchina, from any of which your mother's family name may be derived. About half of them are located in Western Galicia. The geographical name is taken from a Polish term meaning "reeds" or "rushes" with which the neighboring countryside is overgrown.

These are not special cases. YOUR name, too, has a specific meaning rich in the history of a great people. Find out what your name means by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. Include something of your family history in your request.

Nov. 8 Look Has
Feature on Israel

NEW YORK—An eight-page article on "Israel Reborn," by Robert Capa, famous photographer and correspondent, will be one of the features of the Nov. 8 issue of LOOK magazine.

The issue, which will go on sale Oct. 25, has three full-page pictures of life in the new State.

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3 eggs, separated 1 cup flour
½ cup (about) milk salt and pepper
1 tablespoon butter pinch of nutmeg

Break whites of eggs into measuring cup, and add enough milk to fill the cup. Melt butter in frying pan, add flour, add milk mixture, and let simmer, stirring constantly, until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan. Let cool. Stir in yolks of eggs one at a time, add salt, pepper and nutmeg, and mix thoroughly. Drop by teaspoons into boiling soup, let boil 10 minutes, and serve immediately.

DUMPLINGS FOR CREAM SOUPS

1 tablespoon butter ¾ cup hot milk
2 tablespoons flour 1 egg, separated

Melt butter in a pan, add flour, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture bubbles and is well blended. Gradually add milk, and let cook just below the boiling point, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and thickened. Let cool. Beat egg yolks well, and add; beat egg white until stiff, and fold in. Drop by spoonful into boiling salted water, cover, and let boil 10 minutes. Drain, and serve immediately with soup.

POTATO DUMPLINGS

1 large potato, grated ¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg, separated

Put grated potato into a strainer, and run hot water through it until white. Turn into mixing bowl, add salt. Beat egg white stiff, and fold in. Drop by teaspoons into boiling soup, and let cook 15 to 20 minutes. If desired, beat yolk with 1 tablespoon cold water, and very gradually add hot soup to beaten yolk, stirring constantly so that it will not curdle.

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The Editor's Chair

SAMMY ROTHBERG called me Friday to tell me goodbye and to take issue with Carl Alpert's criticism of present United Jewish Appeal campaign propaganda.

Sammy calls me every once in a while and I call him on occasion. We don't see eye to eye on the issue of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds versus the United Jewish Appeal.

"Let 'em come in and work instead of staying on the sidelines and advising," he says. Sam is my idea of Don Quixote, knocking his head against the cold concrete wall of Jewish indifference. I once wrote an editor's chair about some of Sammy's experiences (along with some of Julian Venezky's and Harold Goldenberg's) but he turned thumbs down on publishing it—said it would harm his effectiveness as a campaigner.

Sammy's latest trip was to Madison, Wis., where a new Temple was being dedicated. "Hurry up and finish it," he told the townspeople. "You'll have a place to pray for the Jews you're keeping in the DP camps!"

Sammy called me earlier this summer when he went to Israel to tell me goodbye then. He got back in time to continue his trip to everywhere in the country, pleading in his sincere, boyish way, for additional funds for the UJA. Now he's off again, to return in time for the fight with the CJFWE's 30 big cities group at its Chicago meeting next month, and then the Atlantic City meeting Thanksgiving weekend to open the 1950 drive.

Sammy is lucky to have a loyal side-kick in Julian Venezky, and the two of them have made Peoria, Ill., a legend in the Jewish communities.

Both are big givers. (I think Sammy gave \$138,000 last year plus about six months or more of his time.) When they were approached by the Weizmann Institute, Sammy had let it be known that his pledge would be \$10,000. Julian said he'd give 40 per cent of what Sammy gave. When Sammy heard that, he upped his pledge to \$25,000, and Julian dutifully came across with \$10,000.

I hope that the next time anybody does any calling to say goodbye before going to Israel, it will be me calling Sammy.

N.Y. Drive Needs Cabinet To Run It

NEW YORK—The annual campaign this year of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies is so big that a campaign cabinet, rather than a drive chairman, has been picked to run it.

Ralph E. Samuels, president of the federation, said this week that because of the size of the drive, the largest ever undertaken in the United States for the aid of local medical and social service institutions, a cabinet is needed.

The drive seeks \$50,000,000, representing one-third of the sum raised last year by the United Jewish Appeal.

Editorial Page

A Task For The American Jewish Committee

ALTHOUGH not much has been said about it, part—if not the major part—of the financial problem of the Jewish State has been the alarming failure of U. S. Jews to make private investments in Israel.

The figure for this year is \$2,000,000 a month, or at the rate of \$24,000,000 a year. It should be in excess of \$24,000,000 a month and even at that rate, it would be nothing to crow about.

Private investments mean jobs for the immigrants. Jobs mean a decline in the relief rolls and greater absorptive capacity.

American Jewry gave outright to Israel at the rate (for 1948) of better than \$8,000,000 a month, yet it invested only one-fourth of that amount in enterprises in 1949. The investments stand a chance not only to repay the outlay but also to make some returns, too.

The answer is proper organization. Were the question of investments given the same professional direction the United Jewish Appeal

gets, the \$2,000,000 might soon be a weakly total and then even a daily total.

The Zionist Organization of America through its Israel Corporation of America, has made a stab in this direction, but this program is not ambitious enough to provide the answer.

What is required is something on the order of a setup like that of the Jewish Agency, which originally was composed of Zionists and non-Zionists.

Here then is a task that might appeal to the American Jewish Committee. Shouldering such a program would be concrete evidence of the sincerity of the Committee's attitude towards Israel.

Jacob Blaustein, the AJ Committee president, could easily head a drive for private investment in Israel which, more than anything else his organization might do, would win the support of the U. S. Jewish community.

The JDC's Work In Israel

STATESMANSHIP on both sides will be seen in the news this week of the decision by the Jewish Agency to approve a Joint Distribution Committee proposal to give to that American Jewish organization the privilege of operating a number of projects aimed at aiding the sick and old who arrive in Israel from DP camps.

At one time, as almost every reader of The Post will remember, the JDC and the United Palestine Appeal fought each other annually and bitterly (so bitterly that only a few years the United Jewish Appeal was not reconstituted until the U. S. government forced the two agencies together) and the matter of the division of the funds split almost every local

Jewish community.

The split was involved over how much money raised by the UJA was to go to Palestine and how much for rehabilitation of Jews in other parts of the world, principally Europe.

The announcement by the Jewish Agency ends completely that fight and that bitterness. The JDC leadership clearly understood that because its problems in other parts of the world are ending, it would have to find work in Israel or slowly close up shop.

Either side could have continued the bitterness, the JDC by refusing to turn its face toward the need in Israel and the Zionists by harboring grudges and driving the JDC to the wall.

Ruling Against Ban On "Twist," "Merchant" Fortunate

THE POST welcomes the decision of a State Supreme Court Justice in New York dismissing a taxpayer's suit to force the school authorities to drop the use of "Oliver Twist" and "The Merchant of Venice."

Had the suit been upheld, the Jewish group would have been liable to the same charge—though the suit was brought by individuals and had the backing of no Jewish organizations—of censorship aimed at the Catholic Church in the case of the magazine, the NATION. The Jewish position would have been even more

indefensible than that of the Catholic Church, for the two works against which the bans were sought, are recognized classics.

In very few school systems are either of the two works used, other than as supplementary reading. Were the school authorities to construct their English curricula around these works, that would be something else again and the Jewish group could then no doubt work out a good case for prejudice.

As it is, the ruling was fortunate. Much harm was averted and a dangerous pitfall avoided.

The Pledge To Attend Services

WE ARE heartily in favor of the oath taken by the 1,100 members of Seattle's Herzl Congregation to observe the Sabbath and to attend services weekly. Yet we are inclined to be skeptical.

It is possible that parts of the U. S. Jewish community are so close to loyal attendance as to keep such a serious pledge. But we will

have to be convinced by performance and will watch the experiment in that Conservative Congregation with interest.

It would be interesting to learn what a psychologist would think of the procedure. In Catholicism, the taking of pledges of abstinence and of observance is quite common, yet breaches are matters of general knowledge.

Current Comment

Current return to Jewishness is on a negative foundation and may disappear unless planned action is taken to maintain and expand it, says Dr. Solomon Grayzel, noted Jewish historian—Faith in the current return to Jewishness becomes suspect as soon as one realizes how external are the causes which brought it about. The Hitler era has thrown us back upon ourselves, the attitude of Christian society during and after the war having evidently belied its humanitarian claims which used to be taken so seriously by so many Jews. The establishment of the State of Israel has aroused hopes of Jewish survival among large segments of the Jewish population which had previously despaired and been ready to lose themselves in assimilation. A new generation of community leaders has arisen, with new interest in Jewish life; while the old generation, whose strange ways had sometimes alienated their children, is no more. Finally, the intellectual currents of the present day, with their roots in religion and even in mysticism, could not but penetrate into the consciousness of the Jewish population ever sensitive to its environment. All of these are more or less negative motives. They offer no assurance of permanence for any cultural structure built upon them.

The strenuous efforts made within the Jewish community have no doubt also helped to bring about the present eagerness to learn about Jewish life. Rabbis and other Jewish educators, for more than a generation now, have been insisting on the need for greater loyalty to Jewish tradition and deeper understanding of Jewish values. Schools and textbooks have improved. Books and periodicals are better written and more pertinent. These efforts will continue; but will they satisfy the need? And unless the need is satisfied within the coming decade there is danger that our efforts will come too late.

No one type of activity will bring about the desired result. There is one, however, upon which we must rely more and more as the simplest and most direct, namely, the encouragement of the reading of books on Jewish subjects. During the recent past, even commercial publishers have produced a quantity of good Jewish reading material. Jewish communities alive to their duty will yet learn to make the publication and distribution of Jewish books in English one of their primary activities. This seems to be an obvious way to create that large body of fairly well informed Jews as a foundation for a Jewish culture.

N. Y. High Court Bars Ban On 'Oliver Twist'

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—A Jewish bid for a permanent ban on "Oliver Twist" and the "Merchant of Venice" in New York city public schools was rejected this week by a N.Y. State Supreme Court Justice.

Justice Anthony J. di Giovanna dismissed a taxpayer's suit aimed at compelling the N.Y. City Board of Education to remove the two classics from the city public school lists.

He ruled that a book should be suppressed only when "maliciously written for the apparent purpose of promoting and fomenting a bigoted and intolerant hatred against a particular racial or religious group."

Maurice B. Rosenberg of New York, who filed the suit, charged the two books were "anti-Semitic and anti-religious."

The court ruled that "public interest in free and democratic society does not warrant or encourage the suppression of any book at the whim of any unduly sensitive person or group of persons, merely because a character described in such a book as belonging to a particular race or religion is portrayed in a derogatory or offensive manner."

Washington To Show Isaiah Scrolls

WASHINGTON—Three of the much disputed Isaiah scrolls will be displayed "for the first time anywhere in the world" at the Library of Congress here starting Oct. 23, it was announced this week.

Since the news of the discovery of the scrolls was made public, Biblical scholars have been firing broadsides at each other in their sober technical journals and in the public press over the authenticity of the scrolls.

The Library, in reporting on the find in a Jericho cave, said that the display will include the complete text of the Book of Isaiah.

The scrolls will be placed near the Shrine of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. They will remain on exhibit until Nov. 6.

The Library statement took sides in the dispute over the scrolls with the assertion, in its announcement, that "there can be no possible doubt of their antiquity."

JDC Says Will Need 45 Million In 1950

PARIS—A clue to the sums the Joint Distribution Committee will seek in negotiations now underway on a contract for the 1950 United Jewish Appeal emerged this week from a JDC statement that it will need a minimum of \$45,000,000 for its 1950 program.

The figure, described as an "absolute minimum," was announced at the end of a week-long conference of the JDC in Paris.

Joseph Schwartz, over-all European director, said the JDC contemplated four major tasks next year.

These included emigration to Israel, the United States and other countries of 100,000 Jews; aid to Jews in Moslem countries; care for the "hard core" of aged, sick and disabled Jews in Europe and Israel; and helping the remnants of Jewish communities in Europe to be self-supporting.

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RABBI FINDS RESPONSE TO JUDAISM IN NATIONAL GUARD AMAZING

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

When President Truman gave men of draft age the choice between enlistment in the armed services for a year or membership in the National Guard, thousands of young men chose the latter. Among these were the usual proportion of Jews who chose the weekly drill and the two-week summer vacation of the National Guard instead of interrupting their studies or their chosen business for a full year.

To maintain my status in the O.R.C. I volunteered to serve as the Jewish Chaplain of the 42nd Infantry Division at the annual summer encampment at Pine Camp, N. Y. As a chaplain I expected little activity apart from Sabbath Services and a goodly amount of relaxation in the cool weather of upper N. Y. But man plans, and God laughs. More than relaxation was in store for me. I soon discovered that my ten commandments chaplain insignia were as conspicuous as if they contained neon lights. Faces brightened at the sight of the familiar tablets beside the major's leaf. It was the expression of pride in belonging to a group which had received equal recognition with all other religious groups. While each regiment could claim its own chaplain I became their chaplain, their own unique possession. From recruit to colonel I found that same expression which seemed to say: "I belong to your faith and I'm glad you're here." There were countless occasions during my four years as chaplain during the war when I experienced similar reactions, but never on the universal scale as at Pine Camp. There is little doubt that the birth of the Jewish State contributed in large measure to this unconscious desire to be identified as Jews. Whatever the reason, it gave me a warm, comfortable feeling that I was needed here and was serving a real purpose. It was difficult to determine the number of Jews in a complement of 11,000 men. Estimating roughly there were from twelve to fifteen hundred Jewish men. I arrived at this figure as follows: About 300 men attended services at least once. In war time about one out of every four participated in Jewish activities. Realizing the effect of the "tablets" insignia I resolved to be seen by as many

as possible.

With a jeep for transportation I traveled over hill and valley to meet the men in their training. When I found a cluster of men the officers in charge would call them together to hear the chaplain. My words were addressed to all. I spoke of an unseen world of spiritual values which find expression in our human relation. As members of the human family, we need to dwell upon those factors which unite us, such as fairplay, kindness, and honesty, and the place to begin is in the family, in our business and school relationships. In our battalion I was escorted by Colonel Butt, the Commanding Officer of the 106 Infantry Battalion. His reaction to my remarks was most enthusiastic.

It was obvious that such ideas were usually limited to the chapel and to those who never set foot into the chapel they were entirely new. The Colonel was quick to recognize this fact and urged me to speak to his other groups scattered over an area of many square miles. At the end of the day I was heard by at least 1,000 men. Here were sizable congregations unheard of in civilian life and what rabbi would miss such an opportunity. Encouraged beyond words by Colonel Butt, I visited other battalions and received a similar reception by all. During the two weeks I was heard by at least 5,000 men. My original purpose was to expose myself to the Jewish men, I ended by killing two birds with one stone.

A number of "my" boys stand out and are deserving of mention. There was Sgt. Major Abraham Berman, 189, Rodney St. Brooklyn, with the 102nd Medical Battalion, along with his assistant Sgt. Colman Goldstein, 570 West 193 St. N.Y.C. These two men like countless others were Orthodox. Their Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. John A. Kelley, a devout Catholic himself, appreciated their pious observance. Next to their office in the orderly room, they ate and slept. Having drawn separate rations they spared nothing in their 100 per cent Kosher diet, even to the use of kosher dishes.

Any Jewish lad who had qualms about eating trefa found a friendly ear in Sgt. Berman who was not only permitted to eat apart

but was given extra cans of food if needed. The large supply of kosher meat provided by the Jewish Welfare Board found numerous kosher consumers. Sgt. Berman along with many others never failed to don Tallis and Tephilin daily for their morning prayers. Men like Pfc. Leon Danziger of 1696 Park Pl. Brooklyn, managed to avoid all forms of activity on the Sabbath. No hard feelings were incurred as he performed his regular duties on Sunday.

A number of kitchens were manned by Jewish personnel. I received an invitation to have Shabbos dinner with one group whose cook was Sgt. Morton Starr 85 Bristol St. Brooklyn. Without my knowledge, he proceeded to kosher all the chickens in order that his chaplain could be assured of his kosher portion. When drinks were needed to go with the salami sandwiches after services, Sgt. Starr supplied them from his kitchen.

After the services on Sabbath morning one pious soul, pfc. Chernok, a yeshivah bochur from Brooklyn, approached me to enquire whether we would have Minchah and Maariv services. I assured him that I would gladly be present if he could bring out a few more. Twenty Orthodox lads, many of whom were members of Young Israel, turned out for Minchah. Here was an experience I failed to encounter in four years in the army. Between Minchah and Maariv the boys gathered about a table to hear my interpretation of a chapter of Perek (Ethics of the Father).

Services on Friday evening and Sabbath morning were well attended. While about three quarters were the usual Jewish illiterates, at least one quarter was familiar with the services and responded wholeheartedly. While a few were unhappy with my "goish" service (responsive readings in English) the vast majority approved my fair compromise in presenting a service both Orthodox and Conservative.

As a result of this two weeks tour at Pine Camp I am considering seriously the invitation of General Anderson to join the 42nd Infantry Division of the N.Y. National Guard.

RABBI ABRAHAM RUDDERMAN
New York.

permit these controversies to be relegated to the historical niches appropriate to their importance. Brandeis University has no desire to conceal the controversies and debates which preceded the launching of the school; but neither does it see any value in prolonging these issues which are now academic at best.

Brandeis has completed one year and is now in its second school year. Its views on faculty, on student selection, on curriculum, on plans for the future have been made clear. These are the issues worthy of discussion and attention today. The general public and the educational world will evaluate the first corporate contribution of American Jewry to higher education on the basis of its scholastic record, not on the basis of theoretical controversies which ensued before the actual launching of the University.

GEORGE ALPERT
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U.S. CHALUTZIM WANT NJP; READERS URGED TO PROVIDE SUBS AS GIFTS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

When I was in Israel this summer I visited a number of Kibbutzim composed largely or in part of young American settlers. I was amazed at the number of these young people who inquired about the National Jewish Post, and who told me they missed the paper immensely. They said they felt almost completely cut off from Jewish life in America. All of them wished that they could subscribe to NJP, but such subscriptions, unfortunately, are quite beyond the resources of the average kibbutz.

I know that you are prohibited by postal regulations from mailing extensive numbers of free copies. Accordingly, I wonder if some of your readers, who value the NJP, and who would like to render this service to the American chalutzim in Israel, might not want to sponsor gift subscriptions to these colonies. I shall be glad to furnish the names of these groups in Israel.

There are two such colonies which have requested copies of the NJP immediately. They are:

Zipori, new Kvutzah of the General Zionists near Nazareth, and Kfar Darom, colony of American members of Poale Mizrahi.

I am sure these young people would be deeply grateful to any kind readers who respond through you, Mr. Editor.

CARL ALPERT

New York, N. Y.

REJECTS COLUMNIST COHEN'S CLAIM OF IMPORTING REFORM INTO ISRAEL

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

It would be interesting to know what the requirements are for an editor of a woman's page in your worthy periodical. Apparently a profound appreciation of Jewish history is not one of them.

In her column of Sept. 9, Mrs. Cohen in answering Rabbi Goldman of New Orleans challenges his statement that "foreign spiritual fruits will not find a suitable climate in Israel." In order to prove him wrong, she proceeds to convince us that Jewish spiritual fruits blossomed outside of the Holy Land during the period of the exile. Of course, they did, otherwise we could scarcely have survived as a people. But the fact that Jewish spiritual values like the Talmud, which incidentally was based on Palestinian foundations, prospered outside of Palestine does not in any manner guarantee that foreign fruits could be successfully imported into the Holy Land. Besides, to equate the compilation of the Talmud with the works of Bialik is an audacious presumption which the late poet would be the very first to challenge.

May I cite an example of a foreign spiritual fruit which could not possibly be imported into the Holy Land with any degree of success? The rise of Reform in Germany in the 19th century is a timely example, I believe. According to the testimony of A.H. Silver, the early proponents of this movement certainly were not inspired by any Jewish ideals and to understand to what extent its proponents alienated themselves from the very thought of Zion one needs only to quote such a distinguished theologian of Reform as Dr. Kaufman Kohler, that for a Reformed Jew "the prayer for the restoration of ancient Jerusalem is like a lie on his lips," while Prof. Ludwig Geiger recommended that German Zionists should be denied citizenship rights claiming that "this is the only answer that the German national conscience can give." May I now very humbly ask whether Mrs. Cohen would recommend that this foreign fruit be imported to Israel to challenge Rabbi Goldman's claim? I quote a distinguished Reformed Rabbi who in the very same issue of your worthy publication assures us that the services in the two so-called Reformed temples of the Holy Land "are hardly distinguishable from Orthodox services in the United States."

I am sure that on mature reflection your charming and able feature writer will reconsider her

opinion and will want to adduce more convincing proof if she still believes that foreign spiritual fruits could successfully prosper in Israel.

RABBI ABRAHAM A. KELLNER
Long Branch, N.J.

Now 18 Families Build A Synagogue

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I noticed the news item regarding the new synagogue built in Herkimer, N.Y. by small community of 40 families. Allow me to bring to your attention the following cases which should also be newsworthy:

The Jewish community of Anderson, S.C., with the cooperation of families in Walhalla, Seneca, Westminster, Abbeville, S.C. and Toccoa, Ga., have banded together under the able leadership of Rabbi George Ackerman and formed a congregation. This group totalling 18 Jewish families has completed a beautiful building program and their synagogue, Temple B'nai Israel, was dedicated Sept. 18. Rabbi Ackerman, who graduated from the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, is the spiritual leader.

The synagogue was built at a cost of \$30,000. It seats 200, has a community hall, kitchen and several classrooms. The audience at the dedication service included a number of important leaders of S.C. and many non-Jews.

RABBI MAURICE SCHWARTZ
Raleigh, N.C.

Hails NJP Blast At Council "At Last"

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was glad to read that the publisher of the National Jewish Post has at last seen the light to denounce the American Council for Judaism as an enemy within American Jewry. I, as a small man, one of your readers, had long ago seen that light and so stated in a number of my letters to the editor. However, better late than never.

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ALPERT PROTESTS NJP STORY ON BRANDEIS AND PROF. EINSTEIN

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

It was with considerable concern that I read Mr. Levine's article in your issue of September 23, purporting to describe the recent meeting of the Louisville, Kentucky Brandeis University Associates.

In my address on that occasion I dealt with the record of achievement of Brandeis University during its first year, with the caliber of its faculty and student body, with its plans for the future and with the impact which the nation's first Jewish sponsored, non-sectarian institution of higher learning has had upon the Jewish and non-Jewish world. In brief, it was my hope that I had covered the material and relevant aspects of what has been termed "the most interesting educational innovation of the past decade".

During the question period which followed my address, one of the many questions asked related to the old Einstein episode.

It seems somewhat unfortunate that of all the significant developments which have taken place at Brandeis University, most of which I sought to portray at the Louisville meeting, that your correspondent found only a controversy, now more than two years old, worthy of space in his report.

Professor Einstein and Professor Nathan were involved in one of the many controversies which characterized the early planning stages of Brandeis University. These controversies were inevitable concomitants of the attempt to shape a university in a new, hitherto untried, mold. It is to the credit of the participants in the early deliberations that they presented their views forthrightly and sincerely. The various debates and clashes of opinion contributed greatly to the composite view which finally prevailed.

Certainly the public and the press should now be willing to

The Record Rack

NEW ALBUM OF MODERN SONGS OF PALESTINE FAIRLY WELL DONE

SONGS OF PALESTINE, Sung by Hilda and Josef S. Lengyel, with the Palestine String Quartet; three 10-inch records, Album S 616; Stinson Trading Co., New York.

THE attractiveness of "Songs of Palestine" lies in the warmth of the music, eight songs, most of which are fairly modern compositions and not traditional at all, as one might assume from the title.

Both the Lengyels perform these numbers with great earnestness, but only Josef succeeds in imparting to them a sense of musicianship. His interpretations, more so than those given by Hilda, sound as if they were more carefully thought out in the mind's inner ear. Hilda sings with great robustness and fury, but then so do countless minnesingers of the Jewish folk song. Her voice, which does not appear to lend itself to recording, is a trifle throaty in upper registers.

The recording, I think, could have done Josef more justice than it does with a smoother surface and less amplification, for he is obviously an artist in his field.

Josef and Hilda are accompanied by the Palestine String Quartet, a group of fairly recent vint-

age and an unusual accompaniment for singers: We will have more to say about the quartet after hearing a Stinson album of Chassidic music in which they perform alone.

With possibly one exception, "Haggamal," the music is charming and interesting to listen to, and well scored for the quartet. One might wish, however, that both the musicians and the Lengyels were not quite so forward. A low key rendition of the entire album is definitely called for by much of the music, and it does not receive it here.

Palestinian music, or music about and emanating from what is now Israel, is almost adhesively attached to everything that is militant and strident and forbearing. Recent years have seen a breaking away from this sort of formalism. The results are gratifying, since modern Jewish music is limpid with the best tonality of the East and West. J. G.

ONTARIO COVENANT REVIEW SLATED BY SUPREME COURT

MONTREAL—(WNS)—A ruling on the validity of an agreement among property holders binding themselves against the sale of their holding to Jews and other minority groups may be made soon by the Supreme Court at Ottawa, it was announced here with the disclosure that one of the parties to the agreement may appeal to the higher court against an adverse ruling by a lower court.

Some time ago the citizens of the town of Beach-o-Pines entered into an agreement pledging themselves not to sell any of their property to Jews and other "undesirable minorities." Mrs. Maude Nobel, one of the parties to the agreement wanted to sell her property and when she found one of the prospective buyers was a Jew she asked to be released from the agreement. The parties to the pact rejected her request.

She later brought action in a local court for rescission of the contract and the court upheld her in a ruling which stated that the agreement was illegal since it violated the United Nations Human Rights bill to which Canada was

a partner.

On appeal, it was held there was no law in Canada barring such an agreement. Now steps have been taken to bring the case before the Ottawa court. The Canadian Jewish Congress is watching the proceedings with keen interest.

Yeshiva U. Sets 17-Game Cage Slate

NEW YORK—Regular competition with New York Metropolitan colleges marks the 17-game basketball schedule announced this week by Yeshiva University.

The 1949-50 Yeshiva cage squad will be coached again by Bernard Sarachek, coach of the Scranton Minors in the American Basketball League.

The Yeshiva cagers will resume basketball relations with Brooklyn College and with Fordham University.

NEW YORK

Coming Conclaves

OCTOBER

Jewish War Veterans, 54th annual encampment, Miami Beach, Oct. 19-23.

American Council for Judaism, first of a series of regional conferences, Cleveland, Oct. 22-23.

Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, east central states region, annual convention, Detroit, Oct. 22-23.

United Palestine Appeal, national conference, Washington, D.C., Oct. 22-23.

NOVEMBER

American Jewish Congress, annual convention, New York, Nov. 9-16.

Thirty large cities conference, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Chicago, Nov. 5-6.

Midwestern Conference, Jewish National Fund, Chicago, Nov. 5-6.

Joint Defense Appeal, fourth annual meeting, Detroit, Nov. 11-13.

Hadassah, 35th annual convention, San Francisco, Nov. 14-18.

United Jewish Appeal, conference on 1950 drive, Atlantic City, Nov. 25-27.

DECEMBER

Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 18th General Assembly, Cincinnati, Dec. 9-12.

JANUARY

American Jewish Committee, 43rd annual meeting, New York, Jan. 21-22.

Protestants Formally Unveil Anti-Hate Film

NEW YORK.—(WNS)—The Protestant Film Commission, representing the principal Protestant denominations, announced here the production of a commercial motion picture dealing with the theme of anti-Semitism.

The first commercial movie ever produced under exclusively religious auspices, the film, titled "Prejudice" will be shown in 100 major cities and later, in churches, schools, factories, labor unions and other organizations. Paul F. Heard, the commission's executive secretary, said the film would be made in Hollywood with professional actors and that "it represents a significant milestone in the efforts of the Protestant church to use mass media of communication for instruction in the Christian way of life." He stated that the picture probes deeply into the psychology of hate and that it will have "far-reaching effect on those who see it." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith cooperated in the production.

(The film was reported on last Sept. 16 in The Post's exclusive feature column, "Report From Hollywood," conducted by Simon Wincelberg, who commented that "Aside from its dramatic weaknesses, 'Prejudice' is also a little hazy educationally.")

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JPFO To Fight Congress Ouster At Convention, Official Says

By BEN GALLOB

INDIANAPOLIS—(NJP)—A top official of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order said this week his group will carry its fight against its recent ouster from the American Jewish Congress to the Congress convention next month.

G. Sandler, national executive secretary, made the statement during a one-day visit here to address the JPFO's tiny chapter in this wealthy and conservative Jewish community.

A 60-minute interview produced a vigorous defense by Sandler of the JPFO as a progressive Jewish organization along with equally vigorous defenses of recent anti-Zionist activities by the Soviet Union and its East European satellites.

JPFO Kicked Out

The JPFO was booted out of the Congress last May on grounds of violating Congress policy. The American Jewish Labor Council, also regarded as a pro-Communist group, was expelled at the same time.

Both organizations were labeled subversive by Tom Clark, when he was U.S. Attorney General.

Sandler reported that efforts last spring to expel the Los Angeles JPFO chapter from the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council had failed and that the chapter was still an active member. He said he thought that "reactionaries" in the JCC would soon renew their attempts.

He said the Los Angeles incident represented the only effort that he knew about in the U.S. to expel a chapter from a community-wide organization.

Someone Is Lying

When Sandler was asked whether the JPFO had taken any stand on the persecution of Zionists behind the Iron Curtain, he questioned the reliability of press reports on such activities.

He was reminded that the Communist Hungarian Government had formally prosecuted six Hungarian Zionist leaders and jailed those found "guilty."

To this, Sandler retorted that "they were not prosecuted as Zionists. They were prosecuted for anti-government acts."

Asked what the "anti-Government acts" were, Sandler said that Zionist officials had told Hungarian Jews that war was inevitable and that they should get to Israel as soon as they could.

Sandler then drew a parallel to the reaction of U.S. Jews to Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's call to U.S. Jewish youth, asserting that if it was bad for Israel to make such an appeal to U.S. Jews, why was it good for Israel to make such an appeal to Jews in the Soviet satellite states?

There Is A Difference

Reminded that U.S. Jews had the opportunity and freedom to make the choice, Sandler denied there was any effort to prevent East European Jews from leaving for Israel.

He pointed to the recently-instituted Polish Government policy of permitting any Jew to leave during the coming year, provided he renounces his Polish citizenship. He ignored the earlier record of the Communist Polish

He was asked about Rumanian and Hungarian Jews and retorted that they were perfectly free to leave when they wished. He brushed aside the appeals made by Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, to Anna Pauker, Communist Foreign Minister of Rumania, in which Sharett appealed for a reversal of Rumania's rigid anti-emigration policy.

Efforts to place the exact ideological and membership status of the JPFO also ran into difficulties.

Neutral On Religion

Sandler said the group was neither religious nor anti-religious but admitted that the number of enrolled synagogue members in the JPFO was probably very small.

He said the organization has 55,000 members, remarking with some pride that 20,000 were native American Jews. He said membership appeals were aimed at Jewish workers and intellectuals and that the JPFO barred no one, except presumably "reactionaries."

He said the JPFO is primarily a fraternal organization, providing insurance and sick benefits for its members. It also has a network of schools, up to the high school level, for some 6,000 pupils.

He said Hebrew was taught in the high schools and that all grades were taught about Israel. To a specific question as to whether the children were taught anything about Zionism, Sandler said they were not.

Asked if this was a deliberate policy, he said he thought it was due to a belief that the children "were too young to understand such things."

He said, in proof of JPFO interest in Israel, that the organization took part in local campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal. In addition, the JPFO is engaged on a drive to raise \$250,000 for its own program, which includes aid to Israel.

Support Left Wingers

The Israel aid consists of support of a small group of left wing, Yiddish-speaking immigrants, who politically support the Mapam, Israel's second largest political party, which has been pro-Soviet in its orientation.

That slant has weakened in recent months under the impact of Communist attacks and persecution of Zionists.

The JPFO also aids Jews behind the Iron Curtain, a neat trick managed by working through the Central Committees of Jews in each satellite state. Despite considerable evidence to the contrary, Sandler insisted that the central committees were not controlled by Communists.

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Holtz Slated For Commander

JWV Conclave Set To Tackle Issue Of Civic Defense Role

National Jewish Post

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—The 54th annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans opened this week with the highest enrollment in its history and the election of Jackson J. Holtz of Boston as national commander for the coming year as a virtual certainty.

Holtz, for 14 years assistant U. S. Attorney in Boston, went to the annual convention with widespread backing. He is a National executive committee member from the first JWV region.

One of the major issues to be dealt with by the convention will be the question of the 120,000-man organization's role in Jewish civic defense.

The issue was highlighted recently by participation of the JWV post at Peekskill in demonstrations at the two Communist-sponsored concerts there.

Probe Launched

The national JWV office launched an investigation of the participation of its JWV post in the demonstration, which erupted into riots that shook the community's Jewish population. (NJP, Sept. 16, Sept. 23).

The JWV was criticized by some Jewish groups for taking part and the national office started its investigation to learn whether the post had acted without authorization.

Ben Kaufman, national executive director, told The Post that the only participation of the JWV veterans in the riots was that of breaking up gangs of teen-age hoodlums shouting anti-Semitic slogans.

Now A Quarantine

Subsequently the JWV announced an order to all JWV posts to apply a quarantine policy in respect to demonstrations of any "subversive" organizations.

Considerable dissatisfaction was reported with the entire handling by the national office of the situation growing out of the Peekskill riots and the issue was slated for a complete review at the convention.

The debate was expected to center on the exact role of the JWV in Jewish civic defense. The JWV has been exploring the role it might play in such Jewish activities, based primarily on the argument that as an organization of veterans, it has contacts with non-Jewish personalities and organizations, particularly in the general field of veterans activities, not available to any other Jewish civic defense group.

Holtz' backers won support for him on the grounds that the JWV postwar expansion had been too rapid for efficient handling and that Holtz' record as an organizer made him the logical candidate to succeed Meyer Dorfman of St. Paul.

The 42-year-old Bostonian demonstrated his administrative gifts as a Massachusetts department commander, and in building up the Amos Lodge in Boston, which became the largest B'nai B'rith lodge in Eastern United States under his presidency.

A member of the Zionist Organization of America, Holtz has been extremely active in New England Zionism.

Israel Expect 200,000 In Year

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—The Jewish Agency expects that approximately 200,000 new immigrants will arrive in Israel in the Jewish year 5710, it was disclosed here by Levi Eshkol, head of the Agency's settlement division, in a statement revealing that the agency was expected to resettle about 10,000 families on land in the coming year.

Israeli Arrest Zealot Leaders

JERUSALEM — Israeli police cracked down this week for the first time on the Netura Karta, ultra-Orthodox religious extremists, with the arrest of their leader, Rabbi Amaram Blau.

Rabbi Blau was released on bail 24 hours later, along with other leaders of the religious fanatics arrested in the same roundup.

The arrests were made in connection with disturbances in Jerusalem created by the sect in its efforts to enforce rigid observance of the Jewish sabbath in Jerusalem.

World Wide News Service reported that the arrests followed a demonstration by the sect against a Succoth pilgrimage to Mt. Zion sponsored by the Ministry of Religion and the Jerusalem municipality.

WNS said members of the sect gathered at the Mea Shearim quarter where some of its members were reported to have stoned club-wielding policemen.



JACKSON J. HOLTZ
Some Consolidation Needed

Mapam Moves Closer To Deal With Mapai

JERUSALEM—The left-wing Mapam, second largest political party in Israel, moved a step closer this week toward entering the coalition cabinet dominated by the centrist Mapai.

World Wide News Service reported that the national council of Mapam accepted the proposal for entrance in the coalition.

The National Council added the provision that steps toward such an agreement must seek "a program agreed to by both sides on Government policy."

Entrance of Mapam into the coalition would free the Mapai of its dependence on the Religious Bloc and, in the opinion of observers here, bring major changes in Government policy toward the fight of the Religious Bloc for a Jewish State based on Orthodox Jewish law.

CJFWF 30 Cities Meet Set For Nov. 5

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A special conference of the 30 largest Jewish communities in the United States will meet under auspices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds Nov. 5-6 to map plans for greater participation in the 1950 United Jewish Appeal drive.

Stanley C. Myers, Miami, CJFWF president, said the participants at the Chicago meeting will be presidents and executives of federations, welfare funds and community councils of the 30 communities.

Myers said that the CJFWF board of directors will attend as will "representatives of major agencies concerned with the discussions."

The statement did not indicate which of the agencies involved would be present, but the 30 communities control allocations representing the largest part of the budgets of most national U.S. Jewish organizations.

The World of Books

FOUR NEW JEWISH OFFERINGS - ONE OF THEM IS VERY GOOD

THE BOOK OF KASHRUT, by various contributors, 85 pages Bloch, N.Y. 75 cents.

FROM DAYS OF OLD, By Wolf Gottlieb, 114 pages, Bloch, N.Y., \$2.50.

LETTERS TO MY SON, By Dagebert D. Runes, 92 pages, Philosophical Library, \$2.75.

HERE TO STAY, By S. B. Komaiko, 322 pages, Bloch, New York, \$3.

By WARD MOORE

ONE OF these books is emphatically work buying. Indeed, I can think offhand of no better way of spending 75 cents than on "The Book of Kashrut." Any library, large or small, can get along without the others.

The distinguished authorities who have contributed 13 papers on various aspects of Kashrut are H. M. Lazarus, I. Grunfeld, I. Rabinowitz, Cecil Roth, J. Snowman, M. Lew, J. J. Slotki, Isadore Fishman, I. Levy, E. Halevy, David Goldblatt, Joseph Halpern and Eve Jasper.

Their survey covers everything from the "Philosophical and Moral Basis of the Jewish Dietary Laws" to "Kashrut—the Mother's Problem." In spite of the weight of learning behind it, however, and the wide territory covered the book is essentially simple and readable. Even those Jews who have emancipated themselves from the superstition and backwardness they think is implied in adherence to these rules, which have done so much to preserve our identity, could profit from this book.

"From Days of Old," is another in a long succession of "Stories and Sayings from the Talmud and Midrash." No doubt such collections serve a good purpose in Hebrew classes—when students confine themselves to the Hebrew text. When there is an English translation on the facing page, however, the effect

is generally unfortunate. For some reason, these translations are almost invariably made by those who, whatever other qualifications they may possess, are totally unable to write literate English. Frequently, indeed, the translators seem to be arrogantly contemptuous of the tongue into which the Torah has been rendered so nobly, as though it were beneath their dignity to bother.

Well, no one can quarrel with this attitude, but its possessors would probably be happier if they allowed someone else to do the translating. Certainly their readers would. "From Days of Old" can compete in barbarisms, stiltedness and childish turns of phrase with any competitor.

BUT WORSE REMAINS behind. Of "Letters to My Son" this reviewer can only say that he has rarely seen a more romantic, sentimental and windy volume. Compared to Dr. Runes, Polonius was a model of succinct, crisp advice. Filled to overflowing with sloppy platitudes and goo. Dr. Runes has overflowed. It is unfortunate that the exhibition is a public one, bound in lovely white covers.

The reader can almost reconcile himself to "Here to Stay" after hurling "Letters to My Son" into the nearest wastebasket. For Mr. Komaiko's only fault is that his stories are wretchedly ill-written. There is nothing else wrong with them. And after some of the cruel and inhuman experiences which reviewers must often undergo, this is almost praise.

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Demand For Dentists In U. S. At A New Peak; And So Are College Bars To Jewish Candidates

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The demand for dentists in the United States is at a peak while at the same time discrimination by colleges of dentistry against Jewish candidates is mounting, it was reported this week.

Walter Duckat, supervisor of vocational guidance of the Federation Employment service, said in an article in CONGRESS WEEKLY, that, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, by 1950 some 40,000 new positions will be open, plus an estimated 37,000 positions vacated by death and retirement—a total of 77,000.

Yet, at the same time, the enrollment of Jewish students in schools of dentistry dropped from 26.4 per cent of all professional Jewish students in 1935 to 17 per cent in 1946 and "there is a strong suspicion that the decline is not due to a lessening of interest among Jews as it is to an increase of discriminatory admission practices," he reported.

In a general survey of the field, Duckat said that U. S. Jewish youth were continuing to enroll for professions which are almost certain to be overcrowded.

He said that U. S. colleges and universities are bulging with some 2,500,000 students and that about 200,000 of them are Jewish.

"As an overall picture, it is the consensus that by 1960, we shall be producing college

graduates far in excess of the combined needs of the professions and the administrative occupations," he said.

Engineering has a tremendous enrollment, with the certainty that in the next decade the demand will total far less than the supply, Duckat said, adding that "the implication for Jews in this field, where discrimination is traditional, is obvious."

He said similar troubles await graduates in business administration, in which some 30 per cent of all Jewish students are enrolled, according to B'nai B'rith statistics.

Law, which has always been a beacon light for would-be Jewish professionals, faces overcrowding but there will be many less Jews in it in the future. Jewish enrollment has dipped tremendously from 22 per cent in 1935 to less than five per cent in 1946.

Though teaching suffers from inadequate salaries, the field is wide open and that is true also in the field of Jewish education, he said. Social work is another uncrowded field and "there are thousands of openings in public and Jewish agencies for trained social workers available throughout the country."

Nursing, library work, optometry, pediatrics and psychiatry also are likely to offer excellent opportunities in the future, he said.

Council Official Vows Full Aid To Israel; Policy Change Seen

National Jewish Post

MILWAUKEE—A major change in policy by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism was forecast this week by a statement from a Council official promising maximum aid toward resettlement efforts of Jews in Israel.

After a tooth-and-nail fight to prevent Israel from coming into being, the Council took the formal stand that, as far as its members were concerned, Israel was a "foreign state." (NJP, May 21, 1948)

In later statements, the Council asserted repeatedly that it was not opposed to Israel, a position apparently aimed at placing the Council in a position of neutrality.

Council Very Silent

The Council post-Israel emergence stand has since been aimed at "Jewish nationalism," but except for a public statement by one of its chapters hailing the heroic struggle of the Israeli against the invasion by seven Arab states last year, and the accomplishment of the new state in taking in hundreds of thousands of refugees, the Council has remained silent on any interest toward the Jews of Israel.

The exception was a group of advertisements in the Cincinnati Anglo-Jewish press placed by the local chapter of the Council, which was recently admitted to full membership in the Cincinnati Jewish Community Council.

The statement of full aid to Israeli Jews came in a letter to the Wisconsin Jewish CHRONICLE by Julius Grodinsky, chairman of the Philadelphia chapter

and generally regarded as one of the most bitter opponents of Zionism.

In the letter Grodinsky said that "I think there is no fundamental difference between our view and that of those who are earnestly anxious to make a home for all those Jews who have no place to go and for all those Jews who have no other political home and for those who are dissatisfied with their existing political environment."

Doesn't Believe It

Grodinsky also said he did not believe that the "vast majority" of the members of Zionist organizations in the U.S. subscribed to the doctrine of Jewish homelessness outside of Israel.

"We of the American Council for Judaism wish the citizens of the State of Israel every possible success," Grodinsky said, and added the customary plea to Israel citizens to avoid interference with the lives of U.S. Jews.

But he added, "We will, however, do our utmost, and even more than our utmost to help them succeed in the land in which they live and where they have staked their future and that of their children."

THREE MEN ARRAIGNED IN ISRAEL ARMS CHARGES

National Jewish Post

LOS ANGELES—Federal authorities reported this week that three of seven men indicted by a Los Angeles grand jury on charges of smuggling arms to Israel during its defense against the Arab invasion have been arraigned.

Nat Ratner, 28, Chicago, and Lloyd Rosenblum, 36, New York waived a hearing at their appearances before a U. S. Commissioner in New York last week. Their bail was continued after they agreed to appear in Federal Court here.

FBI Moves In

Lawrence I. Ives, 44, president of the Western Ordnance Co. of New York waived preliminary hearing in Phoenix. He posted \$5,000 bond to appear in district court here. He was arrested by FBI agents in Phoenix on Oct. 4.

Earlier Herman Greenspun of Las Vegas, surrendered and was

released on the \$2,500 bail he had posted when he surrendered in an earlier indictment by a Federal grand jury. (NJP June 17).

All but one of the eight persons indicted in the first grand jury session have surrendered voluntarily and were scheduled for trial here Oct. 25. Their trial has been postponed several times.

First With The News
The National Jewish Post

Mosleyite Plans Memorial To Hitler

JOHANNESBURG, S.A. — A plan by a former member of the Mosley fascist Union movement to erect a memorial institute to Hitler in South Africa was fought this week by Jewish organizations.

Jewish and other organizations asked the South African Government to prevent Larratt Battersby from returning to this country from England. He went there to raise funds for his proposed memorial.

Childhood Project Gets National Notice

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—The famous "early childhood project" of the Board of Education here fostered by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Fellowship Commission together with the public schools will be the subject of an article in the November issue of the WOMEN'S HOME COMPANION.

The article, written by Howard Whitman, will be called, "Is Prejudice Poisoning Our Kids?"

The "early childhood project" endeavors to start the way to the elimination of intolerance by working on children from the first grade in school.

Czechs Suspend Exit Permits To Israel

LONDON — Reports from Prague indicated this week that the Jewish community of Czechoslovakia is in a state of panic because of mass arrests and that the Communist-dominated Czech Government has halted issuance of exit permits to Jews planning to emigrate to Israel.

The Jewish World News Service reported that Jews are being accused of being "Trotskyites," and are being arrested by the hundreds.

Huge posters are being hung on the walls of Jewish communal buildings, warning Jews to beware of "Trotskyite traitors." Czechoslovakia now has only 15,000 Jews, most of whom are registered to go to Israel. Of the 116 synagogues in Bohemia, only 32 are now in use.

Leather, rubber and textile plants will be established in the Kfar Saba area under plans of the new Development Society organized by the Local Council. The plants are, for the most part, being set up by recently arrived immigrants.

SYNAGOGUE GROUP FINISHES 5-YEAR STUDY OF BABYLONIAN TALMUD

National Jewish Post

BALTIMORE—A Talmudic Study group in an Orthodox synagogue here has completed the study of the entire Babylonian Talmud, a program that extended over 17 years and 4,500 hours of study.



DRAZIN

The Babylonian Talmud, consisting of the Mishnah and the Gemara, contains more than 5,400 pages and about 2,500,000 words.

To celebrate the unique event, the Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation will hold a weekend of festivities Oct. 22-23, with Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the Yeshiva University, as the main speaker.

Under the leadership of Dr. Nathan Drazin, spiritual leader of the synagogue, the group met five times weekly for one hour of study each day.

USNA Explains \$100 Grants To Local Communities For DPs

NEW YORK—A spokesman for the United Service for New Americans said this week that a program of granting \$100 per person to Jewish communities receiving Jewish immigrants had no connection with USNA budgeting for 1950.

The statement was made in reply to a report that the USNA, faced with a budget surplus because of changes created by the 1948 Refugees Act, was making the grants to protect its budget. The USNA is one of the three constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

The spokesman said that the facts were completely at variance with the report.

Not On Annual Basis

"To begin with, USNA is not budgeted on an annual basis, but virtually on a month-to-month basis," he said. "Committees representing the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal meet monthly to review our requests for funds and act accordingly."

The JDC and the UPA are the other two constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

The spokesman said that it was obvious that under such an arrangement, "it is impossible to accumulate a surplus because we are given only enough funds to carry us through the following month. Funds not used during that month are carried over to the next when a smaller appropriation is made to us."

The spokesman agreed with the report that the 1948 Refugee Act had created changes for the agency "but of an entirely different nature."

He said that at the Atlantic City meeting of the UJA early this year, the USNA estimated that about 25,000 Jewish immigrants, mostly DPs, would enter the United States by the end of 1949.

"However, as a result of the ironing out of administrative kinks in the DP Act, Jewish immigration to the United States is running considerably ahead of our most generous estimates," he said.

The number of Jews entering the U. S. this year is expected by USNA officials to reach at least 40,000 by the end of the year.

As a result of the increased influx, the USNA found itself swamped with newcomers in New York City, principal port of entry for DPs coming from Europe, he said.

Why It Was Done

"We do not have the facilities to provide lodgings, even for a few nights, for the hundreds who accumulate in New York each week," the spokesman said. "To eliminate this bottleneck, whenever possible, we have been taking DPs directly from the boat to trains and bus terminals and sending them on to local communities for resettlement."

The penniless and threadbare refugees often go to small communities which lack means to take care of them, so "to eliminate undue hardships to the DPs, and, at the same time to institute an economy measure for

our agency, we decided to make a grant of \$100 per person to the receiving community to meet all initial needs such as clothing, lodging, meals, etc.," he said.

The USNA spokesman said that before this program was started, the cost to the USNA for maintaining and providing for initial needs of each family at the port of entry was considerably above \$100."

He said that the success of the program "has been demonstrated by the fact that there have been far more resettlements to date under the DP Act of 1948 than ever before in the history of Jewish immigration."

Salonika Jews Protest Special Tax Levy

ATHENS, Greece — A formal protest was made this week by the Jewish community of Salonika against a decision of the Salonika Chamber of Commerce that Salonika Jews pay one-fifth of a tax levy of about \$1,000,000 imposed on the "wealthier classes" of the city's population.

In the protest to the Greek Government, the Salonika Jews said that they represented only 2,000 of the city's population of 300,000. They added that 95 per cent of Salonika Jews were destitute because most Jewish assets had been looted since the Nazi occupation.

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